

Study Guide for June 27th, 2004 Let God Lead Deut. 11:18-32 A Certain Outcome.

Introduction: When have you been so certain of a particular outcome that you accurately predicted how circumstances would unfold? Did anyone believe you?

I. The Indoctrination of the next generation. (vs. 18-21)

- A. How were parents instructed to teach their children God's truth?
- B. Read Deut. 6:6-9 & Prov. 6:20-22. How can you apply these commands?
- C. What promise is given for obeying God's word? How does it apply today?

II. The Promise of Invincibility. (vs. 22-25)

- A. What does Moses call the people to do in this section?
- B. What promise does God make if the people obey his instruction?
- C. What comparable promise can Christians claim for wholehearted obedience?
- D. Note the geographic parameters of the land. Is it right for modern day Israel to make the same geographic claims today? What has changed?
- E. As Christians, our inheritance lies in the new creation awaiting our full redemption. Read Rom. 8:14-25, what can we anticipate as God's heirs?

III. The Inevitability of Consequences. (vs. 26-32)

- A. Read through the extensive detail of blessings and curses in chapters 27-28. What strikes you as you read these lists? Does it seem fair or just?
- B. Read what happened when Israel did cross the Jordan (Josh. 8:30-35). What impact do you think that ceremony had on the people who participated?
- C. One writer describes this section not so much as a warning, but as a prophetic anticipation of the course of Israel's future history. What does this teach about God if we conclude that he anticipates Israel's future failure to be faithful?
- D. Describe a spiritual lesson you learned **the hard way**? Are there lessons you have incorporated in your life by experiencing God's blessing? In light of your experience, how do you evaluate the (anticipated) experience of Israel?

