

## Applying in Our Family Living the Profile of Moses' Words in the Book of Deuteronomy

- I. **May we be filled with conviction that our children are to surpass us in their appreciation and experience of our Lord; this hinges upon the degree to which their eyes observe that we live with Him affectionately— Deut. 10:15; Psa. 90:1; 1 Pet. 3:2.**

(Deut. 10:15) "But on your fathers Jehovah set His affection to love them and to choose their seed after them, *that is*, you above all the peoples, as *it is* this day..."

(Psa. 90:1) "O Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations..."

(1 Pet. 3:2) "Seeing with their own eyes your pure manner of life in fear..."

- II. **In our stewardship as parents, not trusting in material resources, education, societal advantage, or in any kind of methodology— Deut. 10:12; John 14:5b-6a; Heb. 12:1b-2a.**

(Deut. 10:12) "And now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would walk in all His ways and love Him and serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul..."

(John 14:5b-6a) "... how can we know the way? Jesus said to him, I am the way..."

(Heb. 12:1b-2a) "... run with endurance the race which is set before us, looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith..."

"To take Christ as our way is to live Him, and to live Him is to express Him, to manifest Him, and even to magnify Him. Hence, to walk in God's ways is to live God, express God, manifest God, and magnify God. We should take God as our way and thus act as He acts... We take God as our life, and His life with His nature then becomes the way in which we walk. Today we all should fear God and walk in His ways..." LS Deut. 8:61-62

- III. **As parents, the greatest gift we can afford our children is to give ourselves absolutely to Him— Deut. 15:16-17a, cf. Exo. 21:5-6; Deut. 25:13; cf. Num. 31:6.**

(Deut. 15:16-17a) "And if he says to you, I will not go forth from you, because he loves you and your household, for it goes well with him *to be* with you; then you shall take an awl and run *it* through his ear and into the door, and he shall be your servant forever..."

(Exo. 21:5-6) "But if the servant plainly says, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free; then his master shall bring him to God and shall bring him to the door or to the doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

(Deut. 25:13) "You shall not have in your bag differing weights, one heavy and one light..."

(Num. 31:6) "And Moses sent them, a thousand for each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest with them, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand..."

“For a Hebrew servant to be his master's servant forever meant that he gave up his liberty and no longer had any freedom. At the end of six years, the servant was free to go, but once he decided to stay and had his ear run through with an awl, he would never again have the freedom to leave. I can testify that, as a servant of the Lord, I consider myself as having no freedom and no future. In a very real sense, I am "finished," for my ear has been nailed to the doorpost of my God. I hope that the young ones will have this kind of feeling about themselves and that they will say, "I belong to the Lord Jesus forever. My ear has been nailed to His doorpost, and I have given up my freedom..."  
LS Deut. (15):102-103

**IV. Providing our onlooking children with a sense of radiance as the guide for their uncharted course— Deut. 7:7b; 11:12b; cf. Exo. 33:11a; 34:29b.**

(Deut. 7:7b) “... Jehovah has set His affection on you and has chosen you...”

(Deut. 11:12b) “... the eyes of Jehovah your God are upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year...”

(Exo. 33:11a) “And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion...”

(Exo. 34:29b) “Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone by reason of His speaking with him...”

“First, God sets His affection upon us... Since His eyes are upon us all the time, from the beginning of the year unto the end of the year, we can see His eyes and thereby enjoy His presence. How dear and precious is this blessing!...” LS Deuteronomy (9):66

**V. An unspeakable benefit and an indelible impression upon a son is provided by the re-spoken, re-emphasized, and even repetitive words of his loving father— Deut. 32:1-2.**

“Give ear, O heaven, and let me speak; and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop like the rain; let my speech distill like the dew, like raindrops upon tender grass, and like abundant showers upon herbage...”

“Every word spoken by Moses in Deuteronomy was God's word. Moses might have expressed something of his own feeling, but even this became the word of God...” LS Deut. (2): 14

**VI. A marvelous progression occurs in our speaking with our children as we continue to speak His Word to them— Deut. 6:5-9; 11:18-21; 30:11.**

(Deut. 6:5-9) “And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I command you today, shall be upon your heart; and you shall repeat them to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up; and you shall bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be

as frontlets between your eyes; and you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates...”

(Deut. 11:18-21) “Therefore you shall lay these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes; and you shall teach them to your children, speaking about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up; and you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates; that your days may be multiplied, as well as the days of your children, upon the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the days of heaven are above the earth...”

(Deut. 30:11) “For this commandment which I am commanding you today, it is not too difficult for you, nor is it distant...”

“As the word, Christ is the One who sustains us and makes us those who love God, fear God, subject ourselves to God's ruling, mind the tender feelings of God, and live in God's presence. As long as we have a morning revival through the holy Word and have daily victory also through the Word, we will become those who are qualified to inherit the good land...” LS Deuteronomy: 16-17

“Whereas the children of Israel were charged to keep the commandments, statutes, and judgments, we today need to keep Christ... Today we need to love Christ, keep Christ, teach Christ, wear Christ, and write Christ...” LS Deuteronomy 6:51

**VII. The tone of family life: to be filled with a sense of promise, of expectation, of privilege, and of potential, either for gain or for loss— Deut. 30:15, 19-20a.**

(Deut. 30:15) “See, I have put before you today life and good, and death and evil...”

(Deut. 30:19-20a) “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life that you and your seed may live, in loving Jehovah your God by listening to His voice and holding fast to Him; for He is your life and the length of your days...”

The turning away of man's heart from God results in serious tragedy. To turn away from God and from His word, which is Christ, is to lose all the blessings and to suffer the curse. LS Deuteronomy: 3:25

**VIII. Our children need to hear from us the lessons to be learned from our glorious past, as well as from our many mistakes— Deut. 1:2a, 31; Heb. 11:29-30.**

(Deut. 1:2a) “It is eleven days' *journey* from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea...”

(Deut. 1:31) “And in the wilderness, where you have seen that Jehovah your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place...”

(Heb. 11:29-30) “By faith they passed through the Red Sea as through dry land, in which the Egyptians, while making the attempt, were swallowed up. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, having been encircled for a period of seven days...”

“... Moses, who was experienced, was the right speaker, and those of the new generation, who also were experienced, were the right audience to hear and understand what Moses spoke to them...” LS Deut. (2):16

“Reviewing the past brings us new light and new revelation. If we would have this light and revelation, we need to be in the presence of the Lord as we are reviewing our past. Otherwise, we will simply have a kind of retrospection, and this will not be helpful. If we view our past in the presence Of the Lord, He may give us new light and new revelation according to what we were in the past...” LS Deut. (3):23

“Our review of the past must be governed by the thought that God's heart is loving and that His governmental dealing is righteous... God's blessing requires man's obedience and faithfulness... If we want God's blessing in our private life, daily life, family life, and church life, we must learn to be obedient and faithful...” LS Deut. (3):24-25

**IX. Through our divinely affirmed and led discipline of our children, His and our love for them is affirmed and their inheritance is safeguarded— Deut. 8:4-6; Heb. 12:8-10.**

(Deut. 8:4-6) “Your clothing did not wear out from upon you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so Jehovah your God was disciplining you; therefore keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, walking in His ways and fearing Him...”

(Heb. 12:8-10) “But if you are without discipline, of which all *sons* have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore we have had the fathers of our flesh as discipliners and we respected *them*; shall we not much more be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined for a few days as it seemed good to them; but He, for what is profitable that we might partake of His holiness...”

“We should not think that God's severe chastisement of the children of Israel means that He has given them up. On the contrary, God's chastisement indicates that He will not give them up. The principle is the same with us today. God's chastisement of the believers indicates not that He has forsaken them but that He will not let them go...”  
LS Deuteronomy 25:177