

The Secret Things of the LORD

Deuteronomy 29:29; 30:9-20

This was a very exciting and even uncertain time for the people of Israel. The time of wandering in the wilderness was over and they were on the verge of entering the Promised Land. However, the man who had led them from captivity in Egypt until now was nearing the end of life. Moses knew that he would not be allowed to enter the land with them. We have read some of the final instruction that Moses had given.

We have read about those things that pertain to God. In the preceding verses, Moses had warned of their rebellion and the captivity that it would bring. Keep in mind they have not yet entered the land and God has already revealed that they will be taken away from it. Surely this was hard for them to comprehend. Those were the secret things that belong to God. There were some things that they simply couldn't understand, but there were things that they could understand and rejoice in.

The first verses of [Chp.30](#) deal with the return to Canaan after the captivity, hundreds of years in the future. All of this likely didn't make sense to Israel, but these were promises they could claim nonetheless.

There is no personal application for us in these verses. This passage deals exclusively with Israel. There is however some practical application for all who read these words. There are some things about God that we cannot understand and will never know. We must not allow that to hinder us as we walk with Him. There is enough that we do know to keep us busy and rejoicing. I want to look at the principles concerning our God as we consider: [The Secret Things of the LORD](#).

I. The Provision of God (9) – [And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:](#) God makes a sovereign promise to His people. Did you notice the enormity of this promise? He promised to bless the fruit of their hands, of their bodies, their cattle, and the land. In essence God has promised prosperity, family, and abundance. He has promised that every facet of their lives will be blessed.

- I am not a "health and wealth" preacher, but I do know enough to realize that it pays to live for God. There is a lot in this life that I do not understand. There are things that I will never know, but I do know that God will bless those who seek Him. He will make our way prosperous. That doesn't mean that we will never see trouble; it doesn't mean that we will have all that we want in life, but we can claim the promise that God is mindful of those who are committed to serving Him.

I. The Provision of God (9)

II. The Precepts of God (10-14) – V.10 – If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. Here God reveals the significance of His Word in their lives. It would serve as the guide for their existence. Israel was obligated to live according to the Word. We are called to live our lives according to the precepts of God's Word. Notice what God reveals about His Word.

A. It is Not Hidden (11) – For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. God's Word was not hidden from them. It wasn't something that they knew nothing of or had little or no access to. God's Word was with them openly. It was to be shared and embraced by all.

- The same is true in our day. We are without excuse. The Word is not hidden to us. It may be overlooked and neglected, but it is not hidden. God has revealed His Word to us and we are obligated to know it, embrace it, and live by it!

B. It is Not Hindered (12-13) – It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? [13] Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? God's Word was not locked away in a vault in heaven or beyond their ability to secure. It wasn't across the oceans and out of reach. They were not a people with whom God hadn't communicated. They had been given His Word. It was there in their midst.

- We too have unhindered access to God's Word. We don't have to seek someone to secure it from heaven or bring it across the oceans so that we might be able to read and understand it. We have free access to God's Word. In fact, we are probably the most blessed nation in the world in regard to the abundance of Scripture and our unhindered access to it. We all have a Bible and the opportunity to read it at will.

C. It is Not Hoarded (14) – But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. God revealed the blessedness of having the Word of God nigh unto them, in their mouths and in their hearts. The Word would make a difference in their lives. It would bring about change. It would bring conviction and guidance. If they lost everything else in this life, God's Word would remain.

- I'm glad for the power of God's Word. I rejoice that it is the Living Word. It is the only Word that will read you as you read it. God's Word speaks to us in powerful and precious ways. It brings conviction to our hearts and guidance to our lives. It is nigh unto all who desire

it. God's Word doesn't just exist in the pages of the Bible, but it exists in the hearts of God's people. The world may take away a copy of the Bible, but they can't take away the Word! Aren't you glad for the Word of God?

I. The Provision of God (9)

II. The Precepts of God (10-14)

III. The Proclamation of God (14-19) – Here God reveals His desire and direction for Israel. The same principles apply to us as well.

A. God Reveals a Choice (15, 19) – See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; [19] – I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: God gave the people a choice. They could choose evil or good, righteousness or sin, blessings or a curse, life or death. God was not going to force Himself upon them. They had the opportunity to choose, but choose they must. God would not permit them to have it both ways.

- We have the same obligation and opportunity. There are two paths before us, which will we choose? Choose you this day whom ye will serve.

B. God Reveals a Command (16a) – In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: If they were to serve the Lord, this is what He required. They were commanded to love Him, to walk with Him, and to honor Him through obedience to His Word. This was the only way they could please the Lord and possess a relationship with Him.

- This is what is expected of us as well. We must be willing to love the Lord, walk in His ways, and keep His commandments in obedience. There is no other way. This is what God commands if we are to serve and live for Him.

C. God Reveals a Consequence (16b) – and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. Serving the Lord would not be without benefit. He is God and could simply demand that humanity serve and worship Him, but He desires those who want to serve Him and worship Him. Because of their loyalty, God promises blessing upon their lives.

- This is not to say that the Christian's life will be free of trouble or difficulty, but it does ensure that we can enjoy the blessing of God while in the midst of trials and storms. God is aware of those who are committed to Him. He will not be indebted to you.

D. God Reveals Chastisement (17-18) – But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; [18] I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. Here God reveals a solemn warning. He is a God of mercy who desires to bless His people, but He will not tolerate or condone sin. The people are told prior to entering the land that sin and rebellion would result in judgment and death.

- We live in an age where few comprehend the holiness of God. Few ever consider the consequences of their actions. They don't seem to realize that sin always comes at a price. Just as God promises to bless our obedience, He assures us that He would also deal with our sin. God has not changed and He never will. He is still opposed to sin and He will deal with it.

I. The Provision of God (9)

II. The Precepts of God (10-14)

III. The Proclamation of God (14-19)

IV. The Presence of God (20) – That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. The Lord had spoken to the people through Moses because He loved them. He wanted them to possess the Promised Land. God had provided it for them. He wanted to bless them abundantly and enjoy fellowship with them. (Isn't it amazing that God would desire to bless and have fellowship with us?)

- Through their relationship with God they would experience and enjoy His presence in their lives. He would manifest Himself to them in several ways. Notice:

A. In Love – That thou mayest love the Lord thy God. Through their obedience and service unto the Lord they would love Him as He desired. If you want to experience God in ways you never imagined, make Him the priority and passion of your life. I can assure you that if you will commit to loving God as He desires, you will know the presence of God in great and wonderful ways.

B. In Loyalty – [and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him](#). It isn't hard to obey and cleave to one that we love. When our love for God reaches the point it should, the other things begin to fall in place. God desires that we commit ourselves in obedience to Him.

- This is really hard for most of us to do. It requires that we surrender our wants and desires for what He desires. We must reach the point that we realize apart from God we are nothing. I want to cleave unto my Lord.

C. In Life – [for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them](#). Moses reminded the people of their need for God. He was their life; He was their strength and hope for the future. Apart from the provision and mercies of God they would never survive. God had promised His presence and provision in their lives as long as they walked with Him and served Him.

- I fear that many don't experience, much less enjoy, the presence of God because they never reach the point that they realize that God is life. He is our strength and our existence. Each day that I live I am borrowing from the blessing of God. Each day that I live I have the privilege to experience His awesome presence in my life!

There is much concerning God that we do not and will not understand. The secret things belong unto God, but I am glad that there are some things revealed unto us. God wants to bless and help us, but we must meet Him on His terms. Is there a need in your life? Is there something that stands between you and God's blessing? If so come and deal with it today.

