Deuteronomy

Lesson 2 Deuteronomy 4-6

After recounting how God had brought the people of Israel to the shore of the Jordan, Moses now makes a plea for continued faithfulness among the people. Faithlessness and idolatry are the focus of Chapter 4 with Moses recalling certain events in their recent past at Sinai and Baal-peor. Chapter 5 presenting the Ten Commandments to the people again, and reminding them how they had pleaded with Moses to intercede between them and God. Chapter 6 contains the *shama* meaning "to hear" in Hebrew. The command to hear the Lord carried with it the responsibilities of the people to teach their children to know the LORD and what He had done for Israel by giving them the land. In all of them Moses is calling Israel to faithful obedience to their Lord, and warning them from faithlessness or idolatry once they receive their inheritance in the land.

Notes

Homework:

In this portion of Deuteronomy Moses is referring back to events found in the books of Exodus and Numbers. To better understand the context of Moses' words before reading Deuteronomy 4-6 read: Exodus 19 & 20; Numbers 20:1-13; Numbers 25:1-18.

Questions:

1. Why does Moses remind the people about what they did and did not see at Mount Horeb (Sinai)?

2. When does Moses suggest idolatry will become most alluring to the people? What does this teach us about the danger idols in our lives today?

3. What was the significance of the Sabbath day?

4. How was the *shama* to strengthen the faithfulness of the people against apathetic obedience?