Deuteronomy

Lesson 10 Deuteronomy 28-30

After renewing the curses of the covenant due to disobedience Moses turns to Mount Gerizim and begins to renew the blessings of obedience. This is done to remind the people of the benefit of faithfulness to God, not as a bribe but as a reward for obedient, loyal love. While this is how chapter 28 begins it ends in a lengthy reminder of all the curses that they will reap if they fail to be obedient to the LORD in the land. After this Moses appeals personally to the people in chapter 29 that they keep the covenant faithfully as it would be either their life or their death. Chapter 30 is Moses calling the people to be accountable and make their decision. They must choose obedience or disobedience, life or death, blessing or curse. In this God promises restoration for the people when they fail in keeping His covenant with them, showing that God is faithful even to a people that would be unfaithful to Him.

Notes

Homework:

As you read Moses' plea in Deuteronomy 29-30 consider how this is not unlike the plea made to us in Christ, to choose life in Him over death in sin. What other lessons can we draw on for our faith in Christ from these chapters?

Questions:

1. Why does Moses reiterate the curses of the covenant after renewing the blessings with the people?

2. Like Israel we all must choose obedience or disobedience to the LORD, how does Moses' warnings and reminders in Chapter 29 help us today in making our decision though we are not under the same covenant?

3. Why does God promise restoration to His people if He has told them the curse of the covenant will be their just punishment for disobedience?