

# The Burden and Privilege of a Bible Teacher

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

# **The Burden of a Faithful Teacher**

# God Wants His People to be Teachers

- The taught must teach – Deut. 6:1, 6-7
- A teacher of God's word must first:
  - Live an acceptable life of *fear* and *obedience* – 6:1-2
  - Believe in and *appreciate the reward* of careful obedience to God's will – 6:3
  - Have complete *conviction* that “The Lord our God, the Lord is one!” – 6:4
  - Have *dedication* of hear, soul, and strength to the task – 6:5
  - Understand the *daily commitment* of heart and life to teaching – 6:6-9

# God Wants Faithful Teachers Today

- The stringent requirements cannot be an excuse not to strive for excellence in teaching – Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Tim. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:15
- Christians are warned concerning becoming teachers – Jas. 3:1-2, 5-6
  - Teachers will receive stricter judgment – 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:12, 15-16
  - Becoming a teacher requires much forethought, deliberation, and diligent preparation, seeing it involves use of the tongue! – 3:2, 5-6

# If you want to be a teacher, you must...

- Live a life characterized by fear and obedience to God
- Believe and appreciate the rewards of careful observance of God's
- Have **mean** **If you are lacking these characteristics, don't teach!** **that**
- Be devoted to God with heart, soul, and strength
- Have God and His the word as the focus of your daily life

# The Privilege of being a Faithful Teacher

# As a Teacher you are Privileged...

- To bring out God's **treasures** to your hearers, both old and new – Matt. 13:34-35, 51-52
- To open the door to **eternal salvation** – 1 Cor. 1:21; Rom. 1:14-17
- To provide **words of safety** for the saved – 2 Pet. 1:12-15; Phil. 3:1