

Family Matters

Deut. 6:1 - 24

5:1 Begins formally, the second address. Note the covenant here referred to. How God related to the people and how they were to relate to Him.

1. Relationship to the Living God placed first
2. This would be the source of strength for the nation
3. In order for this to happen it must first be personal

Now follows the importance of having families that believed the truth of God and communicated that truth to the subsequent generations.

I. PARENTS THAT HAVE A LOVE FOR GOD 6:1-5

A. Supreme Truth v.4 cp. Matt.22:37 - 40 Summarization of the law

1. 1st passage memorized by Jewish children
2. Synagogue opened with recital of this passage
3. Rabbinical law said that this passage was to be repeated twice daily by the faithful

This was the supreme confession of the Jewish faith. The "shema"(hear) was the "badge" of Israel. This was to be their distinctive witness.

B. Declaration of supreme truth

1. As Gen. 1 - no explanation / no options
2. Bold declaration of Authoritative truth
3. Essential doctrine in its purest distilled form

C. The motivating force v.5

1. The response required - loving God
 - a. Obedient love (hear/do)
 - b. Undivided love (loyal)
 - c. Reverential love (fear)

Note now the practical observance of these things in everyday life. How would the LORD transmit these vital truths, truths that were the very core and fiber of the nation ?

II. TRANSFER OF TRUTH TO THE YOUNG 6:6 -7

A. Imparting the truth

1. By formal instruction
2. By teaching in the "school of life"

III. THE DANGER OF AFFLUENCE 6:10 - 14

Warning against those things that can take their hearts from God and His concerns

IV. REMEMBERING GOD'S GRACE AND FAITHFULNESS 6:20 - 25

The importance of giving them an appreciation of God's grace. Giving them a heart for God