

Today:
November 10, 2013

Scripture Focus: Deuteronomy

“Moses called all Israel together. He said to them, Attention, Israel. Listen obediently to the rules and regulations I am delivering to your listening ears today. Learn them. Live them.

God, our God, made a covenant with us at Horeb. God didn't just make this covenant with our parents; he made it also with us, with all of us who are alive right now. God spoke to you personally out of the fire on the mountain. At the time I stood between God and you, to tell you what God said. You were afraid, remember, of the fire and wouldn't climb the mountain. He said:

I am God, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of a house of slaves.

Attention, Israel! God, our God! God the one and only! Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

A wandering Aramean was my father, he went down to Egypt and sojourned there, he and just a handful of his brothers at first, but soon they became a great nation, mighty and many. The Egyptians abused and battered us, in a cruel and savage slavery. We cried out to God, the God-of-Our-Fathers: He listened to our voice, he saw our destitution, our trouble, our cruel plight. And God took us out of Egypt with his strong hand and long arm, terrible and great, with signs and miracle-wonders. And he brought us to this place, gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. So here I am. I've brought the first fruits of what I've grown on this ground you gave me, O God.

(Deuteronomy 5:1-6; 6:4-9; 26:5-10, Message)

Notes from Worship:

(What caught your attention? What do you want to reflect on more this week?)

Notes from Formation Station:

(Conversation about Mennonite Church USA with Ervin Stutzman)

Family Discussion Questions:

- What are ways that you can be more active in living God's words in your own life?
- How is God calling us to be a shalom missional community today?
- What are your first fruits that you can offer to God?

This Week: **November 11-16**

Scripture Readings:

Monday 11/11	Tuesday 11/12	Wednesday 11/13	Thursday 11/14	Friday 11/15	Saturday 11/16
Deuteronomy 16-19	Deuteronomy 20-23	Deuteronomy 24-27	Deuteronomy 28-30	Deuteronomy 31-34	Joshua 1-2 Psalm 105

Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

Monday

- Does anything strike you about the instructions for Kings in Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (especially when you think ahead to some of Israel's Kings)?

Tuesday

- What does it mean to “purge the evil from Israel” and why is that so important?

Wednesday

- Where do Israel's tithes go (see Deuteronomy 26)? Where do our tithes go today?

Thursday

- What strikes you about the blessings and curses listed in Deuteronomy 28?
- Why does the covenant need to continually be renewed (see Deuteronomy 29)?

Friday

- What catches your attention in Moses' song (Deuteronomy 32)?

Saturday

- What does it mean for Joshua to be strong and courageous (Joshua 1)?

Scripture Memory:

In our reading plan this coming week, we will get to our first memory text, which is ***Deuteronomy 26:5-10a***. Can you say these significant verses by memory? See if you can have it memorized by November 24 for our Celebration Sunday! (If you have other passages that you have been memorizing, you could also share those on Nov. 24th.)

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Next Sunday: November 17

Theme: “Infiltration, Invasion, Revolution”

Scripture Focus: *Joshua 5:13-8:35; 10:28-43; 11:1-23; 24:1-28*