"That You May Live" Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 14 June 27, 2010

• God Has Told Us What Is Necessary To Live In Abundance, (vs. 1 - 14)

<u>Listening To My Word Is Commanded, Not Suggested</u> <u>Amending My Word Is Not Allowed</u> <u>Following My Word Is Something I</u> Take VERY Seriously Acknowledging My Word As The Sovereign <u>Making My Word A Priority Will Be Noticed By Others</u>

- God Says, Accepting My Word Puts You In A Very Special Place, (vs. 7 8)
 - There is none other who is as immanent as God when we hearken to His word, (vs. 7)
 - "And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?" (2 Samuel 7:23)
 - "... remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, ¹ ALIENATED from the commonwealth of Israel ² and strangers to the covenants of promise, ³ having no hope and ⁴ without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

- 1 For he himself is our peace, 2 who has made us both one and 3 has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,
- 4 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

- 1 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father ² So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ³ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
 - Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
 - o In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:12-22)
- "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and Purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." (James 4:8-10)
- There is none other who redeems as God when we are changed by His word, (vs. 8); " "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul," (Deuteronomy 10:12)
 - ¹ "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; ² the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ³ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; ⁴ the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁵ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; ⁶ the rules of the Lord are true, and RIGHTEOUS altogether.
 - o More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."
 - "Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression." (Psalm 19:7-13)
 - "He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 147:19-20)
 - "So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? BY NO MEANS! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, SOLD under sin." (Romans 7:12-14)

"Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:24-25)

- o God Says, Hiding My Word In Your Heart Doesn't Mean Hiding It From Your Children, (vs. 9)
- o God Says, Fearing My Word Is The Basis Of Lasting Wisdom, (vs. 10)
- o God Says, Remembering My Word Comes With Real Power Can't Be Overlooked, (vs. 11)
- o God Says, Believing My Word Is Dependent On Who I Am & Not What You Experience, (vs. 12)
- o God Says, Communicating My Word Is Straight Forward & Understandable, (vs. 13)
- o God Says, Following My Word Has To Be Part Of Who You Are, (vs. 14)

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