Deuteronomy 5:1-7
God, Obedience, and Life

I. Too often the secular world and the church world view the words of God as simply suggestions instead of commands.

   A. We see laws as a means of hindering our life, instead of seeing laws as the means to provide us with a better quality of life.

   B. We have to shift the way we view God’s laws if we are going to delight in them.

II. It is not enough to simply listen to the word of God. To know and to do is what unlocks the quality of life God wants for his people.

   A. God’s laws are not to be obeyed by some, but by all.

   B. As people of God we should never come to church to hear the word because we have to. We should always come to hear the word of God with the mindset to obey whatever truth is spoken.

   C. As people of God our obedience is not to be delayed, but immediate.

   D. As people of God we should be more concerned with our learning and growth rather than “good preaching”.

III. The word of God is alive and active, meaning it is still applicable in producing the quality of life God desires for us.

   A. Moses emphasized that the current generation should receive the covenant as their own even though they weren’t the original recipients.

   B. The covenant made with Abraham is completely different from the one made at Horeb.

   C. God is always concerned with the obedience of the living, not the dead.
IV. The voice of God is powerful. How we hear and respond to that voice is dependent on the quality of the relationship that we have with Him.

A. As people of God, we must not dismiss what the speaker of God says because we don’t agree or like it. If the message is thus says the Lord, despite the medium used it is still thus says the Lord.

B. The voice of God could be expressed in ways that could scare the disobedient, but to the obedient the voice of God is comfort and peace.

V. As people of God we are not to get caught in the worship of the gods of the world. There is only one true God and that God is our God.

A. God can command complete obedience solely on the principal that He is God.

B. God can command complete obedience to Him because He chose us, we didn’t choose Him.

C. God can command complete obedience because if it had not been for Him rescuing us, we would be on our way to hell.

Don’t hear the word today and choose to walk out of here with no intent to obey. Circumcise your heart to the word of God and honor Him, not just with your lips but with heart, mind, strength, body and soul!

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