

## Sermon Notes | Choose Life - Deuteronomy 29 - 30

### **1. God is Making a Covenant with You** (Deuteronomy 29:1)

"These are the words of the covenant that the Lord commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb."

### **2. The People Have Seen God's Acts but Missed God's Person** (Deuteronomy 29:2-9)

"You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear."

Their clothes and sandals had not worn out, they had military victories, and yet they still missed God's heart.

**Deuteronomy 29:4** – "But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand..."

**Romans 11:25** – A partial hardening has come upon Israel.

**Ephesians 4:18** – The Gentiles are darkened in their understanding...due to the hardness of heart.

### **3. All People Are Called into the Covenant** (Deuteronomy 29:10-15)

"All of you are standing today before the Lord your God: the heads of your tribes, your elders, your officers, all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner in your camp... that you may enter into the sworn covenant... not only with you who are standing here today... but also with those not here with us today."

### **4. Hard Hearts Are Dangerous** (Deuteronomy 29:16-28)

They had seen Egypt's detestable idols. But some hearts were turning away.

"Beware... a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit... saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike."

The Lord's anger will burn against this kind of false assurance. The land will become desolate, future generations and nations will ask why—and the answer will be:

"Because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord... and went and served other gods."

**1 Corinthians 10:6–7a** – “These things took place as examples... Do not be idolaters...”

**5. God's Mercy Is a Mystery** (Deuteronomy 29:29)

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

**6. The Way Restoration Works** (Deuteronomy 30:1–10)

“When all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse... and you call them to mind... and return to the Lord... with all your heart and soul... then the Lord will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you.”

He will gather, restore, bless, and circumcise your heart so that you love Him and live.

- **Call to mind**
- **Return to God with your whole heart**
- **God gives you a new heart**

**Acts 3:19** – “Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.”

**2 Corinthians 7:10** – Godly grief leads to repentance.

**Luke 13:3, Rev 2:5, Acts 17:30, Mark 1:15, Rev 3:19** – All call for repentance as the way to restoration.

**7. Jesus Is the Offered Salvation** (Deuteronomy 30:11–14; Romans 10:5–10)

“This commandment... is not too hard... not in heaven... not beyond the sea... the word is very near you, in your mouth and heart, so that you can do it.”

**Romans 10:6–8** – “‘The word is near you...’ that is, the word of faith we proclaim.”

**Romans 10:9–10** – “If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart... you will be saved.”

**8. Choose Life** (Deuteronomy 30:15–20)

“I have set before you today life and good, death and evil... Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live—loving the Lord your God, obeying His voice, and holding fast to Him.”

**Big Idea: Choose Life.**

## Discussion Guide | Choose Life - Deuteronomy 29 - 30

1. What did God speak to you through the message?
2. **Read Deuteronomy 29:1-4**
  - Where have you missed or overlooked God at work in your life?
3. **Read Deuteronomy 29:18-19**
  - How would you describe the current state of your heart toward God?
  - What usually lies behind the times when your heart becomes hard?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 30:1-10**
  - What does it look like to truly repent and return to God?
  - Is there anything specific you sense God is calling you to repent of?
5. **Read Deuteronomy 30:11-15, 19 and Romans 10:5-9**
  - How does Jesus make it possible for someone to live in relationship with God?
  - What does it mean—and what does it take—for a person to “choose life”?