

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S LAW

Deuteronomy 1

Deuteronomy 4:1-8

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- Do you think laws are necessary for a society to function well? What laws do you think are most important in your society? Which laws do you think are cumbersome or unnecessary? How directly do various laws affect your life?
- What do you know about the Old Testament law? What does it reveal to you about the nature of God?

Living in covenant with God is an honor and blessing, but no easy task. We're human, we grumble when times get tough and just as easily, when life is going our way, we neglect to remember God's provision and keep our covenantal relationship central. As Moses reviews God's law for Israel in his farewell address, he cautions them about this tendency and reminds them why God's law is actually a gift, meant to make our lives beautiful and even attractive to those around us.

Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Why does the idea of the Old Testament law being a gift seem like a juxtaposition to us?
- Have you ever wondered why your family or your congregation continued a particular tradition? How did you learn about its origins and history? Why is it important to pass on the stories linked to a tradition as well as the tradition itself?
- Do you have any habits or rituals you maintain to remind yourself of how God has watched over you, provided for you, cared for you, and blessed you? What are the benefits to regularly remembering God's presence and involvement in your life with specific details?
- Reflect on the question that host Dave Bast poses in segment 3: *"Is your worship – your religion – something that you do in order to get what you want from God or from the world or from the powers that be?"* How would you answer and why?

Related Passages

- **Numbers 13-14**
- **Deuteronomy 2:7**
- **Psalms 19:7-10**
- **Psalms 119:105-112**

Conclusion

Pray and reflect on Psalm 19:7-10.

God's goodness is the same when we're wandering in the metaphorical wildernesses of our lives and when life is 'normal', and we're living in our metaphorical Promised Land. According to Moses, God's law is beautiful and following it will lead to delight. Following God's law is a witness to our faith. Pray for the people in your life who will see and come to know God better through your faithful obedience.

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