

The Beauty of God's Law

Like most leaders giving a farewell address, Moses reviews significant events of Israel's history, offers words of guidance, as well as words of encouragement and warning as he says goodbye to Israel in the book of Deuteronomy. But as he remembers the law for Israel, he reveals the beauty of God's law and how abiding by it can make our own lives beautiful, even attractive to those around us.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- 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?



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READ [Deuteronomy 1](#), [Deuteronomy 4:1-8](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- 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 of 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 for further study

[Numbers 13-14](#), [Deuteronomy 2:7](#), [Psalm 19:7-10](#), [Psalm 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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