Deuteronomy in the Latter Writings

Lesson 11 - 4th Quarter Dec. 4-10, 2021

Sabbath Afternoon - December 4

Memory Text:

"Today the LORD hath a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day." KJV - Deuteronomy 10:15

Jesus said: "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me." John 5:46. To believe in Moses is to believe what he wrote. To believe in Jesus is to believe what he wrote. To believe in Jesus is to believe what Moses wrote. Believe in Jesus, the Redeemer, and believe what Moses answers: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." Lk. 24:25.

Sunday - December 5

The Book of the Law 2 Kings 22

What lessons can we learn from the finding of the book of the law?

"And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that is written concerning us." 2 Kings 22:8-13.

"The reformation under Josiah had clustered the land of Judah with memorials of the law of God, which had for years not been transformed. The seeds of truth that had sprung up in the days of Hezekiah had been trampled upon and choked by the rank growth of idolatry and wickedness. But God, and His Law, had not ceased to arouse the interest in a people who had been so long in bondage to idolatry. Even to Jehoiakim could they hope for the divine favor and for prosperity. PK 415.

"Jeremiah called their attention repeatedly to the words of the law, and pointed out the evil results of its neglect. The prophetess, the priestess, the lawgivers, the teachers of the Hebrews had been silent in the presence of the law of God, and had ceased to instruct the people in the principles of the law. Yet for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, he pointed them. Yet they would not hearken. Josiah." Jeremiah 6:16. PK 417.1

"Remember ye the law of Moses, my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments." Ml. — Malachi 4:4.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, ... But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3. In the days of Hezekiah, the seeds of truth had been sown, and there can be no doubt that the fruit of righteousness was produced in the hearts of many of the people among His professed people. This saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16." GC 245.3

Monday - December 6

The Heaven of Heavens Deuteronomy 10: 12-15

What is meant by "heaven of heavens"?

Inspiration declares that the sun was created on the fourth day of creation week. The sun, moon, and stars were created to be dominant lights in the firmament of heaven. Besides the planet Earth eight other planets depending on the sun for light, heat, and energy. Astronomy of today probability is that there more planets with solar systems. Astronomy of today is speculation. Astronomy of today is not inspiration. Astronomy of today is not the Bible. During the week of creation, cosmology, God was revealed not only to man but to the inhabitants of other solar systems. Otherwise, the planets in existing without benefit of the sun, moon, and stars would be a contradiction of the Creator's wisdom and power. Inspiration is not speculation, evidence, inspiration, moreover, says also that the heaven of heavens belongs to the Lord thy God, and the "the earth also." Dtn. 10:14.

Outside earth, a solar or star system would have been but a planetary assemblage without a controlling unit, left to chance, or to the operation of blind forces, or to chaos, or to the mechanical operation of the laws of circumstance, all unmanaging, incoordinate or accidental. Heaven and the heaven of heavens, the Lord thy God, the Hand that sustains them, all the planetary units follow the Hand that sustains them, and the Hand that controls, unless of ABSOLUTE SUPREMACY.

Our heaven and earth, therefore, tends to a great center, and that center is the Hand that sustains them, and that Hand is the mighty Hand of the Lord, Jehovah, Elohim, Yahweh, **Heaven and the heaven of heavens belongs to the Lord thy God.**

As well as the planets in our solar system being surrounded by its own firmament or heaven, there are, undoubtedly, as many firmaments or heavens as there are planets in the system. To these planetary firmaments belong the inhabitants of the planets.

Outside our earth's firmament, and the heavens above the firmament, and the firmament of the firmament, and the firmament of the firmament of the firmament, and the firmament of the firmament of the firmament of the firmament, and the firmament of the firmament of the firmament of the firmament, and the firmament of

To do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God is the greatest gift one can bring to the Lord. In order to learn how to do justly, how to love mercy, and how to walk humbly, we are emphatically told:

Micah 6:9 – "The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the Rod, and Who hath appointed It."

The Lord declares that His voice is crying to the city (to the church), and that the men of wisdom shall see the name, and shall hear the Rod and Him Who hath appointed It.

Manifestly, this rod is capable of speaking and of being heard, thus the command "Hear ye the Rod." So far as we know, the only rod that has ever spoken is "THE SHEPHERD'S ROD."

I for one cannot overlook, neglect, or reject the Lord's counsel in this matter. I must hear the Rod and Him Who has appointed It if I expect to have a home in His Kingdom. I cannot afford to do otherwise, God helping me, for He Himself declares that if I would know how to come before Him, what offering is acceptable to Him, how to do justly, how to love mercy and how to walk humbly before Him, I must hear the Rod that "crieth unto the city."

Now it is up to all of us individually to decide whether we should hear the voice of man or the Voice of God's Rod. This is now everyone's test, and it must be everyone's concern, for one of these two voices – the voice of men or the Voice of God's Rod – will determine everyone's destiny either for eternal death or for eternal life.

Thursday - December 9

Daniel's Prayer
Daniel 9:1-19

Daniel's prayer echoes the warning given by Moses in Deuteronomy concerning the captivity and scattering of Israel for disobedience to God's law.

The ram and the he goat were shown to Daniel in vision "in the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar." Dan. 8:1. Daniel was "astonished at the vision, but none understood it." Dan. 8:27. The time, moreover, had elapsed, and Jerusalem was still a waste. So later "in the first year of Darius," who "was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans" (Dan. 9:1), Daniel was shown "by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem." Dan. 9:2. Jerusalem, however, was still a desolation, though the time of the people's captivity according to prophecy was fulfilled and the vision was still "none [not] understood,' as is clearly seen from Daniel's prayer: Daniel 9:3-27

The angel apportioned the seventy weeks into three periods: "seven weeks, and three-score and two weeks," and "one week." And though in his words to Daniel, quoted above, he explained the time prophesied, yet Daniel still did not fully understand the vision. As he did certainly, however, understand the angel's interpretation of the "ram" and of the "goat" to be symbolical of "Persia" and "Grecia" respectively, the work of "the exceeding great horn" was therefore what he did not understand And so it was that later "in those days," he was again "mourning;" this time, "three full weeks.' Whereupon he says:

I saw "a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz.... Then said he unto me,... Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days." "For at the time of the end shall be the vision." Dan. 10:5, 12, 14; 8:17

Friday - December 3

Further Study

Mal. 4:4, 5 – "Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

The only law of Moses, therefore, that we can possibly be admonished to remember, is the third part of his law: the moral law, which consists of the things that pertain to us as individuals, the things that we as individuals must perform, the things that perfect our character, the things that make us a peculiar people. We therefore need to search out and do the things contained in the moral law of Moses – "The commandments, and the statutes and the judgments." Deut. 5:31.

And the surest way to select these moral essentials from among those things which pertain to the sacrificial and the legal systems, is to go to the book of Deuteronomy. This book is the summary of all the laws and statutes which Moses spoke to ancient Israel, his last words.

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