

## ***THE ONE YEAR BIBLE Reading for March 29:***

### *Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32:*

No place in the Bible gives us a clearer picture of what Law is about than the book of Deuteronomy. Chapter 11 is one of those places that bring great clarity. Based upon God's past grace, which should lead to trust in His promises for the future (10:17-22; 11:2-7, 11), the LORD calls His people to a faith-fueled, God-loving obedience (11:1, 8, 18). This faith-fueled, God-loving obedience is to be passed on to their children. In fact, God's Word, His precepts, are to be part of each person's heart and life and they are to permeate every aspect of the home life (11:18-21). This text, along with Deuteronomy 6:6-9, comprise two of the great texts of the Bible for the importance and methodology of parents passing on the Faith to their children. One other characteristic of Deuteronomy is the contrast God sets forth between obedience and disobedience, between blessing and cursing (11:26-32). To follow God's commands in faith (to His glory) demonstrated that their hearts had truly been changed (10:12ff.; 11:18) and they were thus the true objects of God's unconditional sovereign grace and love. Thus, they would experience His blessing. Those who did not follow Him demonstrated they were not changed, not His true people, and thus under His curse. This theme will be played out in the rest of the Old Testament.

In Chapter 12 we discover part of faithfulness to the covenant-faithful-God was exclusive worship of Him. To aid in this most important of statutes, God not only gave Israel a land in which they could have rest from enemies and could worship God as He desired, but He also told them their sacrifices could not be offered just anywhere. If they could, it would be too easy for Israel to slip into idolatrous offerings and worship. So, they must offer sacrifices only where God designated and in the ways He designated.

### *Luke 8:22-39:*

See Mark 4:35-41 in the February 20 reading.

### *Psalms 70:1-5:*

Here is a short example of how to approach God in the midst of hardship.

### *Proverbs 12:4:*

Throughout Scripture we find that whom we marry is very important to God. It is not a decision to be taken lightly. We should marry someone who knows, loves, fears, and trusts in God. That is what "excellent" means in this context (see Proverbs 31:10ff.).