



Deuteronomy 30

Restoration Promised

“So it will be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have placed before you, and you call *them* to mind in all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you,² and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul in accordance with everything that I am commanding you today, you and your sons,³ then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.⁴ If any of your scattered *countrymen* are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.⁵ The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will be good to you and make you more numerous than your fathers.⁶ “Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live.⁷ And the LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.⁸ And you will again obey the LORD, and follow all His commandments which I am commanding you today.⁹ Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in every work of your hand, in the children of your womb, the offspring of your cattle, and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;¹⁰ if you obey the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.¹¹ “For this commandment which I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it far away.¹² It is not in heaven, that you could say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us, and proclaim it to us, so that we may follow it?’¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you could say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us and get it for us and proclaim it to us, so that we may follow it?’¹⁴ On the contrary, the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may follow it.

Choose Life

¹⁵“See, I have placed before you today life and happiness, and death and adversity, ¹⁶in that I am commanding you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, so that you may live and become numerous, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but allow yourself to be led astray and you worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you will certainly perish. You will not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and take possession of it. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have placed before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, ²⁰by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding close to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, so that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
3. How do you think we are supposed to respond to this passage?
4. What are you excited to share with others?

Pray whatever the Lord lays on your heart as a result of this passage.

Deuteronomy 30 is one of two key passages (the other is Leviticus 26) that unlock the whole of the Old Testament for us. Without this passage, God’s activity is a confusing mystery. In the light of this passage, God’s declarations and decisions, from the wanderings in the desert to the return from Babylon, make sense. The Lord is not random or distant...He is near and clear. In addition to giving us a grid for understanding the Hebrew Scriptures, this passage reveals the Lord’s heart in every age - He loves and pleads with mankind, “Choose me and live!” — Pastor Justin

“I have come to see clearly that life is more than self. It is more than doing what I want, striving for what will benefit me, dreaming of all I can be. Life is all about my relationship with God. There is no higher calling, no loftier dream, and no greater goal than to live, breathe, and be poured out for Jesus Christ.”— Jamie in Brother Andrew’s “The Calling”

— Brother Andrew, [The Narrow Road: Stories of Those Who Walk This Road Together](#)