**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 31, Part 31**

**(Dt. 29:1-34:12)**

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**IV. The Perpetuation of Worship (Dt. 29-34)**

**Farewell Promises (Dt. 31:1-29)**

**Dt. 31:9-13**

\***Two Major Themes**: Succession of Joshua and Death of Moses

\***Four Major sections in this Chapter 31**: New Leader (1-8), Recitation of Law (9-13), Commissioning of Joshua (14-23), Deposition of Law (24-29)

**PREMISE**: **The work of the LORD continues even though human leaders do not. The Lord raises up leaders from within.**

**SUB PREMISE: The purpose and practice of the Law was to be central in corporate and individual lives.**

**A. The Writing of Law (v. 9)**

 1. The Publication of the Law (9a)

1. Moses received and wrote Law > (Genesis > Jn. 7:22-23 [Gen. 17:10 ff.]) > cf. Nahum 1:1 > II Pet. 1:21.

2. The Provision of the Law (9b) > Rom. 3:2 > Heb. 9:4

3. The Perpetuation of the Law (9c) > Dt. 6:4-9 > Ps. 12: 6-7; 119:152 > Mt. 24:35

**B. The Time and Place for the Law (vv.10-11a)**

 1. The Periodic Reading of the Law (v. 10) > Dt. 15:1 ff.; 16:13

 a. Every Seven Years > Dt. 15:1 ff.

 b. Feast of Tabernacles > Lev. 23:24; Dt. 16:13

 (Sukkoth > celebrates harvest and wilderness wanderings (in huts) > Jn. 7:2

2. The Place of Reading the Law (v. 11)

 a. *“The Place which He shall choose”* (24x in Dt. out of 27x) > Dt. 12:5 to 31:11

 b. Place Theology > Gen. 12:6 > Jn. 4:20 > Acts 4:31

**A.’ The Reading of Law (vv. 11b-13)**

 1. The Public Reading of the Law (v. 11b) > Dt. 27:12 ff.; Josh. 8:33-35; Neh. 8:1 ff.

2. The Purpose of the Law (12a) > Hos. 4:6 > Rom. 10:1-2 > to know truth

3. The Practice of the Law (12b) > Dt. 28:1-14 > Jam. 3:13 > to obey and do

4. The Preservation of the Law (v. 13) > Acts 22:3 (cf. 23:1-5) > II Tim. 2:2

**CONCLUSION**: **The Israelites were to be the People of the Law; Church members are to be the People of the Book!**