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[Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11](#)

My Way or Yah's Way Series

Live Your Best Life Now

Introduction

Deuteronomy 6 serves as a divine outline for believers, providing instructions on how to live a life that pleases God. Its central themes revolve around obeying God's commands, teaching them to future generations, and living in a manner that reflects devotion to God. This theological outline explores these themes and their implications in depth, drawing upon cross-references from other parts of the Bible to enrich our understanding.

Observance and Blessings

Deuteronomy 6:1-3

1. This portion urges obedience to Elohim's Torah and decrees as revealed through Moses.
2. The purpose of this observance is to prolong our days and increase our prosperity
(Deuteronomy 6:2).
3. This notion of obedience ushering in blessings is echoed in Exodus 19:5 and Leviticus 26:3-9, where Elohim promises blessings for obedience.

The Heart of The Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

1. Here the "Shema" is presented: "Hear O' Israel: The Lord our God, The Lord is One.
2. Love Yehovah your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with your strength
Deuteronomy 6:4-5.
3. This represents the essence of our Faith: Monotheism and love for Elohim. Yeshua reaffirmed the importance of these of commandments in Matthew 22:37-28 signifying their centrality to both the Old Testament and New Testament.

Teach Diligently

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

1. The passage instructs believers to teach Elohim's commandments diligently to our children and talk about them continually. (Deuteronomy 6:7).
2. This responsibility of spiritual instruction is reiterated in Proverbs 22:6 and Ephesians 6:4.
3. It emphasized the importance of integrating Elohim's Word into daily life, making it a continual conversation.

Warning against forgetting Elohim

Deuteronomy 6:10-15

1. As Israel is about to enter the Promised Land, there is a warning against forgetting Elohim once they live in houses they didn't build and eat from vineyards they didn't plant (Deuteronomy 6:10-12).
2. This warning is a reminder of the dangers of material wealth, a theme echoed in Luke 12:15 and 1 Timothy 6:10.
3. The text stresses the importance of remembering Elohim's blessings and not being led astray by prosperity.

Admonition against Testing Elohim

Deuteronomy 6:16-19

1. The Israelites are admonished not to test Elohim as they did at Massah (Deuteronomy 6:16).
2. This reference to Exodus 17:1-7 reminds us of the dangers in doubting Elohim's provision. Yeshua echoes this warning in Matthew 4:7 during His temptation.
3. The prescription for a good life is to do what is right and good in the eyes of Yehovah (Deuteronomy 6:18), a sentiment echoed in Micah 6:8.

Take Away

1. Deuteronomy 6 provides a divine blueprint for a fulfilling life rooted in obedience, love for Elohim, and diligent instruction of future generations.
2. It warns against the perils of forgetting Elohim amidst prosperity and the dangers of testing Elohim.
3. It provides a framework for explaining Elohim's intervention in history.

Application

1. Today I will keep the Torah as a continuing conversation every day wherever I am.
2. I will watch out for sneaky greed that will try to take root in my heart like a poisonous weed.

3. As I follow Torah may Yehovah allow me to live my best life now.

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