

8-12-2026 – WACKY WORSHIP – Doorposts & Cornerstones

Things we see to remind us of God. We **need** reminders!

Deuteronomy 6

- ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ **Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**
- ¹⁰ When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² **be careful that you do not forget the Lord**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

- We get on our **knees** in **hard** times; get on high horse in good times.

Deuteronomy 1 – Encouragement!

Standing in the valley, East of the Jordan . . . a lesson about remembering.

It's been 40 years. **Stayed long enough.** Go take the land . . .

- You were afraid; Let your brothers hold you back b/c of fear.
“They’re bigger, taller, stronger . . .” God promised to **deliver you!**
- God promised “to **fight for you**” . . . as He did in Egypt.
- And in the wilderness, “**God carried you**, as a father carries his son, all the way . . . until you reached this place.” **Deut. 1**
 - **You still didn’t trust God.** He went ahead of you, “in fire by night & in a cloud by day” – to give you places to camp, show you the way.
- Remind yourself – **God brought you out** of the iron-smelting furnace in Egypt to be “**people of his inheritance**” – to receive His promised land,

- It's time to cross the **Jordan**. 500 yr promise (Abraham)

To move forward, Moses **reminds** them of what God did in the **past**.

○ **Moses: I won't be there... but you must remember!**

- Remember – God's signs & wonders, His outstretched arm, His **awesome deeds**. . . He brought you this far. Don't forget!
- Remember – when Sihon went to **war** against you, the Lord delivered him & his whole army. You got all the livestock & **plunder**.
- Remember – for 40 years “**you have not lacked anything.**”
- Remember – God spoke to you from out of fire. You heard His voice!
 - Lord spoke at the “foot of the mountain while it blazed w/ fire to the heavens & black clouds” U didn't see His form, but you heard His voice. (Deut. 4)
- Don't forget what your eyes have seen.
 - Don't worship the things God has given you, worship Him.

Remember!

- Remember - those who followed Baal of Peor were destroyed.
 - Be faithful! Obey God's law. Don't blend in. Stand out.
 - We're to live differently than other nations/people.

Deut. 4 - 9 ... be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

- It's teaching . . . remembering – that's why they were to “**Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**”
 - Yes – we need to remember in our own lives.
 - A **visual reminder** - God is present . . . God got you here.
 - A **daily reminder** - God is intentional, not accidental. Permanent.

Doorpost – boundary to home; boundaries in life.

Doorpost - "**mezuzah**" in Hebrew - a significant location in Jewish tradition.

Doorpost is a **Memorial** of Personal Redemption. Passover.

- Also **Legal Display**. Hittite & Assyrian treaties (14th–8th c. BC) required covenants to be displayed at city gates and household entrances for perpetual witness.
- It's a **witness** – “As for me and my house ... serve the Lord.”
- It's a **teaching** tool for our kids.

It's the entry point to home; **threshold** between private & public spheres.

- In private, God speaks to us. In public, we speak for God.
- In private, God becomes real to us. Public, we show Him as real.
- In private, we see God's truth. In public, we live out that truth.
- In private, we become believers. Public, testify to that belief.
- In private, we learn God's ways. In public, we obey God's ways/laws.
 - o His laws should govern not only private life but also public, business, and communal affairs.
- It's a public declaration of faith.
 - o This is the foundation of Jesus' teaching - live out our faith in both personal & public life. [Matthew 5:13-14](#) - believers are called to be the salt of the earth & light of the world.

Cornerstone - the foundational stone in ancient building practices, crucial for the alignment and stability of the entire structure.

- It's the 1st stone set where two walls meet.
- It joins everything together. Aligns the whole structure.

[Isaiah 28:16](#) – “So this is what the Lord GOD says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; the one who believes will never be shaken.”

- Cornerstone is a metaphor for Jesus Christ, chosen by God and precious in His sight.
- [Psalm 118:22](#) – “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
 - Phrase refers to a stone that was initially dismissed by builders as unsuitable . . . didn’t meet their standards; discarded.
 - This imagery describes how Jesus Christ was rejected by the religious leaders of His time.
- But Jesus was God’s chosen. Our salvation.
- [1 Peter 2:6](#) – “the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”
 - Will never be disgraced...
 - “No one who has faith in this one will be disappointed.”
- For Jesus to be the cornerstone – all we do must be built on Him.
 - He anchors our hearts, our homes, our lives.

Isaiah 28:16 - “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.

- Close: Is Jesus your cornerstone? Is He holding everything together?
 - Or living 2 separate lives? Align all to Jesus.

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Flowing Rivers

Honey from the Rock