

Sermon: Deuteronomy 28

1. Don't lie to yourself (vs 19)
2. Don't abandon the covenant (vs 25)
3. Don't stumble on the mystery (vs29)

1. DOn't Lie to yourself vs 19

- a. A common mistake that we make it to assume that because God has not punished me
 - i. **18**Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, **19**one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.'
 1. In the context of Deuteronomy, the promises of curses for breaking GOD's law sound as though the fallout will be immediate.
 2. Experience proves the long suffering nature of God. that he is patient
 3. The problem then is that we will take God's long suffering and patient love and pervert into a lie that says "God and his judgment are not coming"
 - a. 2 Peter 3 tells us that God's patience is actually intended to produce salvation.
 - i. He does not judged our sins immediately but rather gives time and opportunity for repentance
 4. Jesus said that not everyone who calls him Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven why? Because they are workers of "LAWLESSNESS"
 - a. **21**"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22**On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' **23**And then will I

declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

- b. In the same way at the final judgment the righteous will be separated from unrighteous based on their covenant keeping love that put others before themselves (mat 25)
 - b. Application: there is no secret sin. No sin that is not known and no sin that will not be called into account. Don't lie to yourself and think "I'll be safe, though i walk in the stubbornness of my heart"
2. DOn't abandon the covenant.
- a. Eventually, God will judge and when he does the reason for a person's condemnation will be justified because they abandoned the covenant of God.
 - b. In the upper room Jesus established a new covenant, one in which righteousness is not worried for but is given by grace alone through faith.
 - i. And in this covenant there is one commandment - one law to keep- "that you love one another (John 13:34)"
 - 1. Jesus then said, "if you love me you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15)
 - c. So how do we love people like Jesus loved them? We keep the law! 1 John 3:4 tells us that sin is lawlessness
 - i. So there is a connection between the New Law of Christ the OT Law. proof that you are keeping jesus law is that you are loving people and how you know how to love people is reviewed in the OT LAw
 - d. Application: Don't give up the covenant
3. Don't stumble on the mystery
- a. ²⁹"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.