

Choose Life

Deuteronomy 1 – 30

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Moses was about to die; he knew he was about to die; God had told him he was about to die. Moses pleaded with the Lord to be allowed to enter the Promised Land, but the Lord said, "No."

Moses called the people together, reminded them of everything the Lord had done for them, and once again presented the Law God had given to them. "The Lord made a covenant with you and gave you the Ten Commandments, writing them on two stone tablets. Hear God's commands, laws, and regulations; learn them; follow them. If you do you will thrive and become a great nation. The Lord your God will bless you in the land you will soon cross the Jordan to possess. But if your hearts turn away from the Lord and you are disobedient, worshiping other gods, you will be destroyed.

"Today I offer you a choice between life and death, prosperity and destruction, blessings and curses. Choose life. Love the Lord; listen to the Lord; commit yourself to the Lord; for the Lord is your life. One day the Lord your God will raise up from among you a prophet like me. He will tell you everything you need to know. You must listen to him.

"O Israel, even if you don't hear anything else I'm saying, hear this: The Lord your God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Love everyone, just as the Lord loves everyone."