

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 07 Sept 2025	Numbers 01-09	The Journey
2) 14 Sept	Numbers 10-12	Provision
3) 21 Sept	Numbers 13	The Land
4) 28 Sept	Numbers 14	Rebellion and Judgement
5) 05 Oct	Numbers 15-20	Lack of Trust
6) 12 Oct	Numbers 21-27	God's Plan
7) 19 Oct	Numbers 28-36	Instructions Given
8) 26 Oct	Deuteronomy 01-04	Remember
9) 02 Nov	Deuteronomy 05-06	Love
10) 09 Nov	Deuteronomy 07-18	Undivided Worship
11) 16 Nov	Deuteronomy 19-28	Covenant Relationship
12) 23 Nov	Deuteronomy 29-30	Fully Committed
13) 30 Nov	Deuteronomy 31-34	God's Power

INTRODUCTION

- Where Do We Stand with Fearing & Honoring Our God?
- Do we willingly, intentionally, and immediately obey God's commands or do we procrastinate or grudgingly obey?
 - ♦ Remember, delayed obedience is disobedience
- Do we get up each day eager to learn about our God and to serve Him wholeheartedly?
 - ♦ Or are we more concerned about surviving each day?

Passage	Comments
29:1-8	<p>The Secret to Success for God's People – OBEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. Moses gathers ALL Israel together to remind them what great things God has done for them • v4. "...the Lord has not given you a mind to understand, eyes to see, or ears to hear" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Calvinists jump on this passage to point out people cannot understand spiritual things without God giving them the ability to do so ♦ This is very true, AND scripture is also very clear God gave the Israelites (and all able-minded souls) the ability to choose whom to serve – God or something else – and He holds each of us accountable for our choices ♦ In this context, Jews were witnesses to God's miracles, signs, and wonders – Yet most Israelites opted to chase after sensual pleasures – food, sex, wealth, and not after the things of God – holiness, justice, loving-kindness ♦ And REMEMBER – Though God took the initiative and gave us able-minded people the ability to understand, reason, perceive, and make intelligent choices, even wooing us or drawing all men to Him, He now waits for us to "draw near to Him, then He will draw near to us" (James 4:8) – "Choose today whom you will serve!"Josh 24:15 • vv5. Their clothes and shoes did not wear out – a unique miracle not to be repeated until the Millennial Kingdom when God's chosen ones will outlive the works of their hands Isaiah 65:22
29:6-9	<p>More Reminders of What God Accomplished</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v6. Israel's 40-year trip was not 1st class, by design. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God wanted them to learn that He is Lord • vv7-8. Recall Israel captured more Land than planned • v9. If Israel had obeyed God's commands, then they would have succeeded at everything <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lots of kidsLev 26:9 2. No poverty in the landDeut 15:4 3. Long and prosperous life (fruitful land)Lev 26:4-5 4. Peace – no wars with neighboring nations ...Lev 26:8 5. Nations would take notice of GodDeut 4:6-8

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29:10-28	<p>God Has His Limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv10-15. God's purpose was to establish Israel as His people and that He might be their God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Plus, outsiders would be included, since God wants to bless the world through Israel. Gen 12:1-3 • vv16-19. Moses reminds Israel of their time in Egypt and warns against deviating toward idolatry • vv20-28. God states He will NEVER forgive such blatant idolatry, and will severely punish individuals and Israel – even to remove them from their land • What severe treatment from God could America and/or the world experience due to our horrific sins? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Plagues? □ Wars? □ Economic/Political turmoil?
29:29	<p>Secret or Hidden Things Belong to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v29. This verse is a lesson to itself. What are some of the hidden or secret things that only God knows? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Do ALL Babies go to Heaven? ♦ When will the Rapture occur? ♦ Will the Detroit Lions ever win the Super Bowl? • We can only go as far as the Bible goes and assume the best – that God will do what is righteous and just.
30:1-20	<p>Promises Galore for the Repentant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. Israelites will eventually come to their senses and return to God and have their fortunes restored after they first hit rock bottom and lose everything <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Reminiscent of the Prodigal Son who came to his senses and humbly went home with the right servant's attitude after being at rock bottom and realizing no one was helping him Luke 15 • v6. After they repent & return, then God can remove their stony heart and give them a heart to know Him with all their heart and soul – so they might live <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall Deut 10:16, where we are commanded to circumcise our own heart • vv7-10. The Lord will abundantly prosper them after they return to Him (draw near to Him) James 4:8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ But it is not a casual return to God ♦ Their return must be with all their heart and soul <p>CONCLUSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv11-14. God's commands are not too difficult or beyond our reach to comprehend and live by • vv15-18. We have a choice to make – life or death • vv19-20. Choose life (obey & remain faithful) and live!

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Why is it soooo hard to obey God's relatively simple commands?
- How can we encourage believers to obey God's commands, such as love one another, obey the speed limit, avoid lust, etc.?

NEXT WEEK: Deut 31-34. Joshua takes Moses' place, and Moses delivers one final set of blessings and cursings Israel needs to heed

