



Divine Providence



Deuteronomy 28

Deuteronomy 28 (Blessings & Curses)

Why Preach Deuteronomy 28? (Blessings & Curses)

1. The providence of God dominates this chapter.
2. It helps us have an accurate view of God.
3. It deepens our joy and thanksgiving.
4. It causes us to live with a “gospel” emphasis.
5. It will cause us to love Christ more.

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And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

The NT Reveals No One Can “Do” the Law

Galatians 3

10 **All** who rely on works of the law are under a curse.

For it is written: “Cursed be **everyone** who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” [Deut. 27:26]

11 Now it is clear that **no one is justified before God by the law,**

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Exodus 23

27 I will send My terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter.

I will make all your enemies turn and run.

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Leviticus 26

7 You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.

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11 The LORD will make you prosper abundantly—in the fruit of your womb, the offspring of your livestock, and the produce of your land—in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

12 The LORD will open to you His abundant storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands.

You will lend to many nations, but borrow from none.

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13 The LORD will make you the head and not the tail; and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you hear and carefully obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am giving you today.

14 Do not turn aside to the right or to the left from any of the words I command you today, and do not go after other gods to serve them.

1 Kings 10

4 When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon,
the palace he had built,
5 the food at his table,
the seating of his servants,
the service and attire of his attendants and cupbearers,
and the burnt offerings he presented at the house of the LORD,
it took her breath away.

1 Kings 10

6 She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your words and wisdom is true.

7 But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told to me.

Your wisdom and prosperity have far exceeded the report I heard.

8 How blessed are your men!

How blessed are these servants of yours who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom!

9 Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel.

Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, He has made you king to carry out justice and righteousness.”

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21 The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you off the land that you are entering to possess.

22 The LORD will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, and with blight and mildew; these will pursue you until you perish.

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23 The sky over your head will be bronze, and the earth beneath you iron.

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24 The LORD will turn the rain of your land into dust and powder; it will descend on you from heaven until you are destroyed.

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You will march out against them in one direction but flee from them in seven.

You will be an example of terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And your dead body will be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away.

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27 The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors and scabs and itch from which you cannot be healed.

28 The LORD will strike you with madness, blindness, and confusion of mind,

29 and at noon you will grope about like a blind man in the darkness.

You will not prosper in your ways.

And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you.

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30 You will be pledged in marriage to a woman, but another man will violate her.

You will build a house but will not live in it.

You will plant a vineyard but will not enjoy its fruit.

31 Your ox will be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will not eat any of it.

Your donkey will be taken away and not returned to you.

Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and no one will save you.

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32 Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation, while your eyes look on and yearn for them continually; but you will be helpless.

33 A people you do not know will eat the produce of your land and of all your toil, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually.

34 You will be driven mad by the sights your eyes see.

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35 The LORD will strike you with painful, incurable boils on your knees and thighs, from the soles of your feet to the top of your head.

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36 The LORD will bring you and the king you appoint to a nation neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you will worship other gods—gods of wood and stone.

37 You will become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the nations to which the LORD will drive you.

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38 You will sow much seed in the field but harvest little, because the locusts will consume it.

39 You will plant and cultivate vineyards, but will neither drink the wine nor gather the grapes, because worms will eat them.

40 You will have olive trees throughout your territory but will never anoint yourself with oil, because the olives will drop off.

41 You will father sons and daughters, but they will not remain yours, because they will go into captivity.

42 Swarms of locusts will consume all your trees and the produce of your land.

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43 The foreigner living among you will rise higher and higher above you, while you sink down lower and lower.

44 He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, and you will be the tail.

45 All these curses will come upon you.

They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, since you did not obey the LORD your God and keep the commandments and statutes He commanded you.

46 These curses will be a sign and a wonder against you and your descendants forever.

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47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things,

48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything.

He will place an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

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49 The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, —a nation whose language you will not understand, **50** a ruthless nation with no respect for the old and no pity for the young.

51 They will eat the offspring of your livestock and the produce of your land until you are destroyed.

They will leave you no grain or new wine or oil, no calves of your herds or lambs of your flocks, until they have caused you to perish.

52 They will besiege all the cities throughout your land, until the high and fortified walls in which you trust have fallen.

They will besiege all your cities throughout the land that the LORD your God has given you.

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53 Then you will eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of the sons and daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and distress that your enemy will inflict on you.

54 The most gentle and refined man among you will begrudge food to his brother, the wife he embraces, and the rest of his children who have survived,

55 refusing to share with any of them the flesh of his children he will eat because he has nothing left in the siege and distress that your enemy will inflict on you within all your gates.

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58 If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name—the LORD your God—

59 He will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary disasters, severe and lasting plagues, and terrible and chronic sicknesses.

60 He will afflict you again with all the diseases you dreaded in Egypt, and they will cling to you.

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61 The LORD will also bring upon you every sickness and plague not recorded in this Book of the Law, until you are destroyed.

62 You who were as numerous as the stars of heaven will be left few in number, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

63 And as the LORD took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the LORD will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you.

And you will be torn from the land you are entering to possess.

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**64 Then the LORD will scatter you among all the nations,
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64 Then the LORD will scatter you among all the nations, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you will worship other gods, gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.

65 Among these nations you will find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and a despairing soul.

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66 So your life will hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day and have no assurance of your life.

67 In the morning you will say, 'If only it were evening!' and in the evening you will say, 'If only it were morning!'—because of the dread in your hearts of the terrifying sights your eyes will see.

68 The LORD will return you to Egypt in ships; a journey that I promised that you should never make again.

There you will sell yourselves to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer.”

2 Corinthians 1

20 For all the promises of God are “Yes” in Christ.

And so through Him, our “Amen” is spoken to the glory of God.

21 Now it is God who establishes both us and you in Christ.

He anointed us, 22 placed His seal on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a pledge of what is to come.

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