



Deuteronomy 29:29

"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.**

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, 2 and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. 4 If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. 5 And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

6 And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. 7 And the Lord your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. 8 And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today. 9 The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, 10 when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all

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17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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Exodus 20:3-17

Honour your father and your mother
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's."

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Do we follow God or not?

Blessings or Curses

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God,.....28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God,.....

Blessings or Curses

Deuteronomy 30:9-10

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, 10 when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, **when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

Blessings or Curses

God's heart for his people

Deuteronomy 5:29-30

Oh that they had such a mind as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

Blessings or Curses

Love

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Blessings or Curses

What is Love?

Colossians 3:12-15

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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Galatians 5:22-24

....the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24

Blessings or Curses

Keeping pure

Ephesians 5:3-5

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Blessings or Curses

Looking after the poor

Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

1 John 3:17-18

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Blessings or Curses

Is the choice to follow God hard?

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1 John 5:11-12

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Romans 6:23

For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Romans 3:21-25

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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John 3:17-19

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 **Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

God's Declaration

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. **Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!** 20 You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." (NLT)

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Romans 10:13

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."