

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 The God Who Is Near 9/10/2023

We will look today at Deuteronomy 30:11-14 and its ultimate fulfillment in Christ from Romans 10: 1-13

Romans V. 6-8

A beautiful free-flowing passage about the heart of God.

In that context, God is trying to show Israel that what he wants for them is for their own good, and it is not as hard to find the way to please Him as they imagine. It is a call to a free-flowing relationship with him.

Not some false relationship build on, " We better do right or we get zapped, then we won't have any fun with MY 'real' life down here." -OR- "If I want good things to come my way I better fulfill a list for God, then I can get on with MY life!"

Like children, but not as close, they think that if they just do the ritual, then God will be pleased, then they can enjoy what they want the most, more stuff.

Ex. Kid does not get to go play till room cleaned. He does it, but is huffy about it. " There; you happy now, can I go play now?" What good parent would be pleased with that; even though the room is clean. The heart of the kid is terrible!

They treated God as a means to an end. He will not be treated that way! You would not like to be treated that way either!

The key to God's heart. READ- Deut. 30: 6-14

Are you catching the longing of God's heart here? Reminds me of that garden, where he walked in the garden with them in the cool of the afternoon. Free-flowing love and trust.

Paul uses this passage to touch the heart of those who are trying to do righteousness by the numbers!

This passage also gives hope to those who know they have no hope doing anything good enough to please God. (The righteous man will live by faith, as Abraham did). In fact we all have to get to that point. The rules bring you to that point. They were meant to bring you to that point.

God has been searching for you! He is searching for you, not to punish you, but to give you a new life. A free-flowing relationship with Himself! He wants to remove that load of guilt and shame that a life separated from Him has brought.

V. 9 Usually the order is to **believe in the heart**, then you are glad to openly confess **with your mouth**. He is following the order of the words from Deuteronomy 30 here. In **v. 10** he says it, as we might say it.

Christ was raised from the dead, proving he is God in human flesh , the only Savior, the Lord, the Boss, the King of our life, the hope of our life. The one to whom you give the highest allegiance, and obedience from the heart. The start of having that longing fulfilled.

V. 10 What you really believe with your **heart**, will eventually come out of your **mouth!**

Matthew 6:21, 15: 11-20 Becoming a , “One-person,, person.”

v. 11 How could you be disappointed? This is who you were meant to be!

The new life has begun! The longings are not a lacking, but are steps to becoming like Him! To grow even closer over time.

v. 12-13

From “**Four Spiritual Laws**” booklet. “ God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:”

‘Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I repent of my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.’