

Lesson 7 Objective

Students will love God and will want to do what is right and good, in order to please Him and show their obedience to Him as the One and only true living God. Students will show love and obedience to the One and only true and living God through following the teachings and examples set by their parent from the Word of God.

INTRODUCTION

God gave the law to the Israelites through Moses at Sinai after He brought them out of Egypt. It began with the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. The entire generation of adults who received that law perished in the wilderness because of their rebellion and lack of faith in the Lord (Numbers 13-14). As the people prepared to enter the Promised Land (Canaan), this rising generation needed to hear the law. This “second giving of the law” was a reminder to the generation of people who were children at Sinai. Now it was the first formal hearing of the law for a new generation of younger people born in the wilderness.

Lesson 7: Parent Responsibility: Obedience

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. (Deuteronomy 6:4-6, NIV)

The parent responsibilities are to teach their children the Word of God and make God's statutes the constant subject of family attention. The Bible must not be used improperly or inaccurately. The reading of Scripture should take place on a regular (daily) basis. It is important that the Bible must be obeyed; and the Savior of whom it speaks worshiped.

How do we teach obedience to the next generation?

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16)

Moses revisits the speech he gave to the Israelites at Sinai. He wants them to show obedience to God through all generations.

- 1. Moses Reminds Israel of the Commandment and the Warning*
- 2. The Great Commandment, Love the Lord Your God*
- 3. The Continual Reminder of the Law*

Moses Reminds Israel of the Commandment and the Warning

The Commandment. The significance of God's law

(Deut. 6:1-3). 1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, 2 that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as they live by keeping all His decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. 3. Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers promised you.

a. These are the commands, decrees and the laws. Moses was responsible to teach the Israelites to be absolutely sure to continue to keep the commands, decrees and the Laws the Lord God had given.

b. God's law never changes: God wants the people to reverence Him. This command is for all generations to follow.

c. Be careful to obey....that it may go well with you: Israel's fate rested on their obedience to this one great commandment.

The Great Commandment, Love the Lord Your God

(Deut. 6:4-5). 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

- a. Moses lays down the great principles of obedience. The first truth to be believed: God is one. The first duty to be done: Love God with all your heart. Duty: {that which is bound by any obligation to do; service; respect}. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*
- b. The Lord our God, the Lord is one: This is the essential truth about God. Our God is the only living and true God; He only is God, and He is but one God.*
- c. First principle of faith and obedience: God is infinitely and eternally perfect, self-sufficient and self-existent. We have one all sufficient God. There is no other but Him, (Mark 12:32),*

The Continual Reminder of the Law

(Deut. 6:6-9). 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your house and on your gates.

- a. The fear of God in the heart will be the most powerful principle of obedience. It is the parent responsibilities to set examples and also teach their children that it is necessary to fear God in their heart.*
- b. Parent responsibilities to teach children to meditate on God's Word daily.*
- c. Parent responsibilities to teach the law of loving God with all our heart.*

Impress them on your children

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

It is the parent responsibilities to impress on their children the commands, decrees and laws of God. As parent, we are to take time to talk and teach our children.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Moses Directs the Israelites of the Instructions to Give Their Children.

Moses charges the Israelites to keep God's commandments themselves.

Deut. 6:20-25

24 The Lord command us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. 25 And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

Parent responsibilities are to know what to teach their children. Parents must tell their children and train them early when they ask questions about God's commands and the observances they keep. Moses teaches the Israelites with great instruction so there would not be a falling away.

Instructions Continued

Moses wanted the parent to instruct the children with a grateful testimonial of God's former favors to them, especially how He delivered them out of Egypt.

It was essential for the Israelites to teach and warn their children, so the blessings given to one generation would not become a curse to the next generation.