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What Does God Expect From Us Now?

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Series: Possessing the Promises of God - Learning from the Past,
Leaning into the Future

Central Passage

Deuteronomy 10:12–13 (ESV) — **12** "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **13** and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today **for your good?**"

Central Thought: Considering his covenant faithfulness, God calls us to a radical obedience to and dependence on him, that expresses itself in acts of mercy and justice, especially for the powerless, the voiceless and the displaced.

Five Requirements of covenant faithfulness...

- ❖ To fear God – the call to right worship.
 - Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Psalms 111:10
- ❖ To walk in his ways – the call to faithful discipleship.
 - Duet. 5:33; Matthew 8:18-22; Mark 8:34
- ❖ To love him – the call to responsive relationship.
 - Duet. 6:5; 7:9; Matthew 10:37; John 14:21

- ❖ To serve him – the call to appropriate action.
 - Deut. 6:13; Luke 17:7-10; John 12:20-16
- ❖ To keep his commandments – the call to specific obedience.
 - Deut. 11:8; Matthew chapters 5-7

Micah 6:8 (ESV) — **8** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but **to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

The Context of the Covenant

- ❖ The sovereignty and character of God.

Deuteronomy 10:14–17 (ESV) — **14** Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. **15** Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. **16** Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. **17** **For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.**

- ❖ The priority of the powerless.

Deuteronomy 10:18–19 (ESV) — **18** He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. **19** Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

James 1:26–27 (NLT) — **26** If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. **27** **Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.**