

Books of Moses

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

I. Macro View

A. Decision to be made by the reader . . . will I believe?

John 6:28-29 (NIV)

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

1. Faith/Believe/Faithful

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.² This is what the ancients were commended for.³ **By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command**, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

2. Behavior (obedience)

Leviticus 16:34 (NASB)

"Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year." And **just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so he did.**

Acts 13:22 (NIV)

After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; **he will do everything I want him to do.**'

B. God developing a people to be a message to all peoples who will believe.

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NASB)

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

C. Learn to worship

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 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 houses and on your gates.

D. How to Thrive

Exodus 20:2-17 (NIV)

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

E. There is a Judge

Genesis 15:13-14 (NASB)

God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. ¹⁴ "But **I will also judge the nation whom they will serve**, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

Exodus 12:12 (NIV)

¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, may your word come alive within me. May my heart be open to your instruction. Give me a willing spirit to cooperate with you. I choose to honor you in all my ways. Holy Spirit open my eyes to see and my heart to understand the great privilege of serving the Living God. In Jesus' name, amen.