

## DEUTERONOMY

# READING CHALLENGE

1. Read Deuteronomy 6-11. Write down at least three examples from these chapters of how the Israelites were supposed to obey the first commandment. What did loving and honoring the Lord look like to the ancient Israelites? How do you think it should look for modern-day believers?
  - According to Deuteronomy Ch 6 vs 13 to 15 (NIV), the Israelites were supposed to fear and serve God. They should not follow other gods, for God, is jealous and His anger will burn against them.
  - According to Deuteronomy Ch 7 vs 3 to 4 (NIV), the Israelites were not to make treaty or show mercy with the nations that were occupying the promise land. They were not to intermarry with them because they will turn the Israelites away from following the Lord to serve other gods.
  - According to Deuteronomy Ch 10 vs 12 (NIV), the Israelites were to walk in obedience, to love and to serve God with all their heart and with all their soul.

- Loving and honoring the Lord in the Old Testament had one thing in common, that was obedience. Throughout the scriptures these words were a repetition to Israel, fear the Lord and obey His decree or law.

- To modern day believers, it should stay the. All believers in Christ should fear the Lord and fear is the beginning of wisdom. If you don't fear the Lord that means you don't respect Him. If you don't respect Him, then you don't love Him. If you don't love Him, then you don't follow His command.
2. Now read Deuteronomy 16:18 - 18:22. How did honoring human authority look to ancient Israelites? How do you think it should look for modern-day believers?
  - Honoring human authority was to be set by the Lord standard. It was important to follow and obey the command of the law by the authorities. Deuteronomy 17 vs 16 to vs 20 talk about the importance to obey the command of the judges because the law which the judges were applying came from the Lord. There were punishments for disobeying the command of the judges. So, it was for the kings as well. Nonetheless, the officials were to be careful on following the Lord's command.
  - For modern day believers is different because the laws which were written under God's command are fading away or are vanishing from society. Though Jesus command us to obey the law, if the law is telling us to do contrary than the command of God, we should disregard.