

The Correspondent

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM

Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Oh That They Had Such a Heart

Renn Ferguson

The Pentateuch consists of the first five books of the Bible concluding with the book of Deuteronomy. This book is a retelling of the law to the children of Israel.

When we get to chapter five we read Moses' account of God giving them the ten commandments. In verses 4-5 Moses reminds the people of their fear when God began to speak to them from Mount Sinai. He then restates the commandments in verses 6-21. Moses also reminds them that they had requested Moses to go up the mountain to hear God so that they would not die. Notice what they say in verse 27, "Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say, and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it." In their fear, they agreed to do all that God commanded them.

Now, look at verses 28-29, "And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!'"

God commends them for their attitude and willingness to obey Him. Did you catch what He said at the beginning of verse 29? He said, "Oh that they had such a heart as this always ..." While God commends them for having a heart to fear and obey, He longs for them to maintain that attitude. He also stated that it would be well with them and their children so long as they continued to have that heart.

Though God's law for us has changed, His desire for us has not. He longs that we always have a heart that fears and obeys. Do you possess this heart?

Connections

Life of Christ Study

This month we started a year-long, in depth, study of The Life of Christ (David L. Roper)

Sunday AM Auditorium Class:
Understanding the World of Jesus' Day

Wednesday PM Class:
(Fellowship Hall)
Devoting Yourself to Prayer

