

GET A GRIP

A study of Deuteronomy Chapter 4
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The Value of Studying the Old Testament

1. An example of _____ and _____ choices. I Cor. 10:11
2. _____ scripture is inspired and profitable for us. II Tim. 3:16-17
3. To see _____ in every book of the Bible. Luke 24:27
4. To see the _____ of God. James 1:17

In Deuteronomy 4, Moses warns the next generation to hold onto certain things that will make all the difference in the Promised Land. During the days of blessing and during the days of trial they will need to be careful to have a tight "grip" on what matters to the Lord.

1. Hold onto the _____!
 - Our salvation is based on His _____, _____
Deut. 4:4, 33-35
Josh. 22:5; Jer. 13:11
John 10:29; 1:13
Rom. 8:30
 - Our service is based on _____
John 15:5; Rom. 12:9
Rev. 3:11
Deut. 4:2, 6
Jer. 10:21; 6:16
Acts 20:27; Rev. 3:16
2. Hold onto the whole _____!
3. Hold onto your _____!
Deut. 4:9, 16, 24, 29
6:5; 10:2; 11:13; 13:3; 30:6
I Tim. 4:2-4
Matt. 22:37
4. Hold onto the Truth of the _____!
 - He is _____. Deut. 4:7
Phil. 4:5; Col. 1:29
 - He is _____. Deut. 4:24
Ex. 20:5; Eph. 5:27
 - He is _____. Deut. 4:31
Eph. 2:4
 - He is _____. Deut. 4:40
I John 1:9; I Thes. 5:24
 - He is _____ - _____!
Deut. 4:12
Eph. 3:20

Deuteronomy 4:1-9 *ESV*

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

³ You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, ⁴ but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today.

⁵ See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Journey Group Questions

1. How is your "spiritual" grip doing? What tends to loosen your grip on the things of the Lord? Read I John 2:15-17 and expand on the three areas of misdirection of our hearts.
2. Share the practical impact on your life when you believe in the truth of the attributes of God. Which attribute is most meaningful to you right now? Why?
3. How can we be more intentional about "abiding" in Christ? What can you do that communicates that you are "clinging" to the Lord in every situation?