



# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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## Family: Distinct and Obedient Deuteronomy 6:3-9; Matthew 19:3-9

### Lesson Background and Introduction

Deuteronomy has been described as a “farewell speech”. The people of Israel were about to enter the Promised Land. Although Moses had led them since their freedom from Egypt, they were to enter a land forbidden to Moses (Deuteronomy 3:25-27). Even on the eve of his death, Moses prepared the people to move on without him.

Deuteronomy begins with a summary of the people’s journey to that point in the text (1:1-4:43) before shifting into a list of laws and commandments (4:44-28:68), the renewal of the covenant (29:1-30:20), and then the final deeds and death of Moses (31:1-34:12). Many of the laws and commandments found in this middle section of Deuteronomy, where our passage occurs, are similar to the earlier books in the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible). But specific commandments are worth repeating on the eve of Israel’s transition.

The second passage in today’s lesson, Matthew 19:3-9, describes proper application of the Law of Moses. By the time of Jesus, some 15 centuries had passed since the Law of Moses was given. But people still had questions regarding its application. Various branches of first-century Judaism, particularly the Pharisees and the Sadducees, regularly debated the interpretation of the Law of Moses. This situation is no different: Jesus is challenged to provide his interpretation of a particular subject in the Law of Moses. The sparring partners here are Pharisees, but the Pharisees were not a united front.

### Key Verse: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

*6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

*(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)*

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
God loves you and me; let’s love one another.

**COMMENT OF THE WEEK:**  
In God’s family of faith, He provides mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers for us.

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**  
So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

(1 Thessalonians 2:8 NKJV)

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### Spring Series: Social Teachings of the Church

#### NEXT WEEK

### UNIT 3: Fulfilling Our Obligations to God & Society

Christian Expectation of Grace

Jonah 3:1-5, 4:6-11

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **Receiving the Law (Deut 6:3-9)**

#### ***Blessing for obedience (3)***

Obedience that is better because it delights God (1 Sam 15:22)  
Obedience leads to righteousness (Rom 6:16)  
Obedience leads to the praise of God by others (2 Cor 9:13)  
Obedience keeps us remaining in God's love (John 15:10)  
Obedience leads to the reward of blessings (Deut. 28:1-6)  
Obedience brings the reward of freedom (James 1:25)

#### ***Right response to the Law (4-5)***

Response of love through obedience (1 John 5:3)  
Response of love knowing that all things work together for the good (Rom 8:28)  
Response of love so that we will fear God, walk in His ways and to serve Him (Deut 10:12)  
Response of love because we are one of His saints (Ps 31:23)  
Response of love so that we will seek Him (Prov 8:17)

#### ***Internal acceptance (6)***

Acceptance of the Word as the actual Word of God (1 Thess 2:13)  
Acceptance of the Word as truth, believing in it and being sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13)  
Acceptance of the Word which makes one wise for salvation (2 Tim 3:15)

#### ***External teaching and actions (7-9)***

Teaching to live godly and pass on to next generation (Deut 4:9)  
Teaching to fear the Lord (Deut 6:1-2)  
Teaching about the praiseworthy deeds of God (Ps 78:4-6)

### **Applying the Law (Matt 19:3-9)**

#### ***Lawfulness testing (3)***

Testing by asking for signs (Matt 16:1)  
Testing about obedience to man's laws (Matt 22:16-18)  
Testing about the Law (Matt 22:35-36)  
Testing Jesus' integrity (Mark 12:13-14)  
Testing Jesus' words to trap Him (Luke 11:53-54)

#### ***Lawfulness based on scriptures (4-6)***

Scripture is God breathed (2 Tim 3:16-17)  
Scripture written by men who were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21)  
Scripture revealed to man through the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:12)  
Scriptures that are the very words of God (Rom 3:1-2)  
Scripture written to teach and provide hope (Rom 15:4)  
Scripture spoken through Jesus and His words (Heb 1:1-2)

#### ***Lawfulness clarified (7-9)***

Clarified because God brings everything to light (1 Cor 4:5)  
Clarified because God knows what's in a man (John 2:24-25)  
Clarified because God sees our circumstances before they happen (Gen 16:13)  
Clarified because God sees everywhere and knows all things (Prov 15:3)