

DEUTERONOMY

GOD'S ORDER FOR BLESSING: HEIRARCHY, RESPONSIBILITY, and RIGHTEOUS RULE

Sermon Questions

1. Hierarchy is necessary and good. (Yes/No)
2. What were the two problems Moses faced when leading the people from Horeb?
 - i. He did not know where to go.
 - ii. The Hebrews strife (sin).
 - iii. The enemies were too numerous.
 - iv. The blessing of God that made the Hebrews such a large multitude.
3. We sin *because* we are _____.
4. What is God's solution? Individual responsibility to obey _____ with wise, understanding, and experienced men, chosen by the people to govern the people, acting as impartial judges, using God's standards of right and wrong.
5. List one thing from Deuteronomy 1 that is similar to our governments today? _____
6. What do you call a society where God is the ruler? _____
7. What kind of government operates a true tyranny of the people? _____
8. Write down the four details of God's solution mentioned in the sermon:
 - i. _____ responsibility.
 - ii. Wise, _____, and experienced _____.
 - iii. Division of _____.
 - iv. Righteous _____.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon argues that hierarchy is not inherently oppressive but part of God's good order for institutions like family, church, and society. How have you experienced or observed healthy hierarchy bringing unity and progress in your life, and where might you need to submit to or exercise God-ordained authority more faithfully?
2. Moses was burdened by the sheer number of people as a blessing from God, reminding us that "baskets of fruit are heavy." What blessings in your life (e.g., family, resources, or opportunities) have felt heavy with responsibility, and how can you better steward them in light of God's covenant call to effort and faithfulness?
3. God calls for wise, understanding, and experienced men to lead, rooted in the fear of the Lord. Men, how are you pursuing these qualities in your role as a leader (or potential leader) in your home, church, or community? For the whole group, how can we as a church better support and recognize such leaders to build a stronger Christian society?
4. The sermon highlights handling disputes at the lowest level possible to avoid overburdening leaders, applying this to families, churches, and even challenging big government. Share an example from your life where escalating a problem too quickly caused issues—how might applying this principle of self-government and local resolution change your approach moving forward?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Discussion Questions for Children

1. The sermon talks about how God wants families, churches, and communities to work together like a team with leaders, like Moses had helpers. In your family or at school, how can you help things go smoothly by listening to parents, teachers, or other leaders God has put in charge?
2. Everyone needs to obey God themselves, not blame others. Can you think of a time when you did something wrong and wanted to blame someone else? What can you do next time to take responsibility and ask God for help to do what's right?
3. The sermon says blessings, like having a big family, are great but take effort, like carrying a heavy basket of fruit. Do you have a lot of toys that can be a burden to clean up? How can you remember God's blessings while you work to clean up?