

# GRACE BEFORE LAW

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

### Sermon Questions

1. Moses' second address in Deuteronomy starts in chapter 5 and goes to chapter \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What are the three most important things for proper interpretation?  
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3. Give at least one example of a verse typically taken out of context: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do we learn from the *historical context* (circle the best answer):
  - i. General information about when and where the address was given.
  - ii. The land they dwell on has been given by God and they should serve him.
5. List the four things we learn from the theological context:
  - i. The \_\_\_\_\_ our God made a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. The LORD made a covenant with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. The LORD spoke and his \_\_\_\_\_ declared his word.
  - iv. The LORD is to be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The preamble, spoken by God directly, begins with the identity of God and recounts his \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Why is the preamble so vital?
  - i. The law is \_\_\_\_\_ if we ignore the preamble.
  - ii. God and his saving \_\_\_\_\_ demand faith, love, and obedience.
8. How will you respond to God's grace today and this week?  
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## Discussion Questions

1. Before the sermon, what came into your mind when you heard “law” or “commandments”—were they things like heaviness, drudgery, or a lack of grace? How has your view of God’s law been challenged or changed by seeing it in the context of God’s prior grace?
2. Why is it vital that God introduces his law with a reminder of his identity and his saving work? How might ignoring this preamble lead to misunderstanding or misapplying the commandments?
3. We see the pattern of grace → obedience appearing repeatedly in both the Old Testament and the New Testament (e.g., Ephesians 2:8–10, Titus 2:11–14). Where in your own Christian life have you experienced God’s grace as the fuel for obedience rather than the reward for it?
4. When you face a specific command in Scripture that feels difficult or burdensome, how can actively remembering God’s prior grace in Christ (his redemption, forgiveness, and love) change your motivation and ability to obey? Think of one current area of struggle and discuss how the gospel preamble might reshape your approach.
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

## Discussion Questions for Children

1. God saved his people from being slaves in Egypt BEFORE he gave them the Ten Commandments. Why do you think God wanted to rescue them first? How does it make you feel to know that God loves and saves us before we even try to obey him?
2. The very first thing God says before the commandments is, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt.” Imagine if a rule started with “I’m your friend who helped you when you were stuck—now here’s how to stay safe.” How does remembering God’s love and help first make his rules feel different than just a list of “don’ts”?