# *Third Street Church*

# *Midweek Prayer and Bible Study*

# *Wednesday, April 22, 2020- 6pm*

***Introductions/ Welcome/ Opening Prayer: Pastor Reid***

*Key Verse:* ***“But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.” Deuteronomy 30:14***

# Deuteronomy 30:11-20 New International Version (NIV)

### The Offer of Life or Death

**11**Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. **12**It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” **13**Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” **14**No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

**15**See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. **16**For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

**17**But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, **18**I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

**19**This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live **20**and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**Reflection**

The book of Deuteronomy contains the final words of Moses to the people of Israel as they await entrance to the Promised Land. Remembering Gods great deliverance from Egypt, Moses calls Israel to forsake their past faithlessness and love the Lord with all that they are. As God is righteous, punishes sin and is merciful in forgiving those who repent. God’s unconditional promise to Abraham to give Israel the land and to bless all nations will come to pass. Israel will one day repent of sins and God will forgive, restore and redeem. In this passage, God, through Moses, instructs the people on the mercy of God. There are several valuable lessons in this passage for God’s people today. God loves you, no matter how sinful you have been. is upon us now. God loves us now in the midst of it. God will love us after COVID-19 passes over. We all must know that we can always be pardoned, cleansed, and restored through repentance. Israel was changed by these words of Moses from the Lord. God’s Word is capable of bringing about a change in all of us. The only hope we have for obedience to God’s commands is the grace of God found in the person and work of Jesus Christ!

**Sharing/Discuss**

1. Who is speaking in these passage? Moses. Who is hearing these passages? **Israel.** Where are they?
2. Read Deuteronomy 30. What stands out to you? Underline in your bibl or make notes to come back to later.
3. How does *1John 5:3* apply to Deuteronomy 30:11?
4. Does obeying God seem hard sometimes? What does Matthew 11:28-30 say about obeying God? 30:11
5. When we think of someone bringing God’s truths to us from heaven, we think of Jesus. But what would the people hearing Moses have thought in Deuteronomy 30? (see Exodus 24:1-18) tell what happened then. The people in Deuteronomy may be expecting a repeat of what happened in this Exodus passage.
6. There are three common scriptures that reference Deuteronomy 30:12. Proverbs 30:4, John 3:13 and Romans 10:6-7 what similarities to do you see with the message Moses is giving? What differences?
7. Moses question in 30:12 tell the people to hear and do. Pray about what you have heard from God this week. What is God wanting you to do?
8. The Word of God is close to us for a purpose. What is that purpose? When we obey, what does that express toward God? (see 1 Samuel 15:22 and John 15:15)
9. The word “*today*” is used five times in these passages

Deuteronomy 30:11 30:15, 30:16, 30:18, 30:19

Here are other verses when waiting was required. What is happening in these *‘today’s*”? Who are the characters in the ‘today’s” in the following scriptures? What is said to them about *today*? Choose one. What does it say to you today?

**Luke 19:9-**Jesus speaking to**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Jesus speaking to**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Luke 23:43**-Crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus speaking to**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Hebrews 3:13**-Jesus Greater than Moses- Writer of Hebrews is speaking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrew 13:8**- Writer of Hebrews is speaking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Further Study**:

Read Romans 10:6-10. To what did Paul apply Deuteronomy 30:12-14? What does that mean to us today?

**What Inspires you these days?**

What's giving you inspiration and hope these days? A song, hymn, scripture, special reading? How has it helped inspire you? Share with study group.

﻿**Faith in Action:**

Think of someone outside your household reach out to them, give back to an agency, family or individual this week.(call, text, email them or write card or letter). We are still the church. We can reach out even from the safety of our homes. That is what being the church is all about!

**Closing Prayer- Pastor Reid. Let us lift up people/situations in God’s world for prayer:** *This week add a name(s), situation(s), etc. to your prayer requests. Write on on slip of paper in a place you can find it in your prayer time (bible, prayer journal, etc.).Third Street is praying for all that are lifted up today.*

**Closing Music*: I Need the Every Hour:* We will listen to the hymn as sung by: Billy Gaines on Youtube-** *“I need thee oh I need thee, Every hour I need thee Oh* [*bless*](about:blank) *me now my* [*Savior*](about:blank) *I come to thee”*

**Words of Sending: Pastor Reid**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week! May the Lord be with you all until meet again!

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid