

A landscape scene featuring a tree on the left with one side in autumn (brown leaves) and the other in summer (green leaves). Several birds are flying in the sky above the tree. The sky is a mix of blue, white, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground is a green field.

That They May Have Life

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- “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
(John 10:10)
- Must understand the OT foundation

That They May Have Life

- “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity...” (Deut. 30:15)
- “So choose life in order that you may live...” (30:19)

That They May Have Life

- Life is a gift from God
- Experiencing the fullness of life is a choice

That They May Have Life

- Deuteronomy discourses for Israel
 - “This is who we are”
 - “This is how we got here”
 - “This is what we are to do”
 - “This is how we are to do it”

Deut. 30:15-20

- Command:

- To love
- To walk
- To keep

- Result:

- Live
- Multiply
- Blessing

Deut. 30:15-20

- But if:
 - Heart turns away
 - Will not obey
 - Worship / serve other gods



- Result:
 - Perish
 - Short stay

Deut. 30:15-20

- To love
- To walk
- To keep



- Heart
- Obey
- Worship /
serve

Life and Love in Deuteronomy

- Love for God is based on love from God
- Love for God is from the heart
- Love for God is due God
- Love for God is manifested in obedience, worship, and service

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- Deut. 4:32-40
- Deut. 6:1-5
- Deut. 7:6-11
- Deut. 10:12-15

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Bernard Schneider

“Genuine love is a deepseated emotion which causes one to be completely devoted to the one loved and to be fully committed to the well being and happiness of that person, with a willingness to make personal sacrifices if necessary, to provide that happiness.”

Life and Love in Deuteronomy



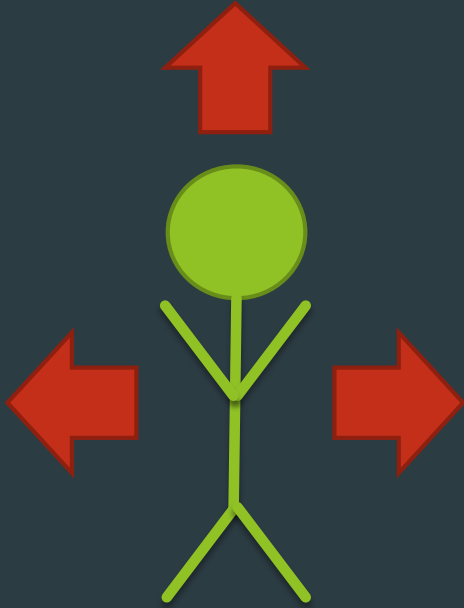
- All about ME!
 - Focus, priorities, goals, agenda
 - My desires, likes, wants, preferences

Life and Love in Deuteronomy



- Love God
 - Focus, priorities, goals, agenda
 - His desires, likes, wants, preferences

Life and Love in Deuteronomy



- Love God & neighbor
 - Luke 6:31/Matt. 7:14
 - Phil. 2:3-8
 - 1 John

Life and Love in Deuteronomy

- What do the 10 Commandments teach?
 - 1-4: love for God / 6-10: love for man
 - “This is what real love looks like”
 - The goal was love, not conformity

Peter Craigie

Love “was given clear expression in the commandments, which showed the way in which a man’s love for God and for his fellow man must be given expression.”

Romans 13:8-10

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” ...

Romans 13:8-10

and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
(cf. Gal. 5:13-15; James 2:8-13)

Life and Love in Deuteronomy

- The law gave expression to love
- The goal was love, not conformity
 - John 5:39-42
 - Luke 11:42
 - 1 John 2:3-6

Life and Love

- Love enables real life: we cannot experience real life apart from real love
- Loving God is certainly more than obedience, but it is not less than obedience

Love and Obedience?

- If you are not loving, then you are not really obeying
- If you are not obeying, then you are not really loving

Life and Love

- This love is an act of the will
- This love results in service
- This love is true worship

So What?

- Where are my priorities?
- Whose agenda am I following?
Am I willing to sacrifice myself for
God and others?

So What?

- How do I react (internally)?
 - Patience? Kindness?
 - Jealousy? Arrogance?
 - Selfishness? Hold grudges?
 - Endure through difficulties?