

A landscape scene featuring a large, leafy green tree on the left and a smaller, bare tree next to it. Several birds are flying in the sky above the trees. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds, with a warm, golden-orange glow from the right side, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground is a green, grassy field.

That They May Have Life

God's Desire

- God wants us to know Him
- God wants us to love Him
- God wants us to be like Him
- This is where we find the real life!

God's Desire

- “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”
(John 17:3)
 - Not simply *knowledge of* God but deep, experiential *knowing*

Deut. 30:15-16

- Life & Prosperity:
 - To love the Lord your God
 - To walk in His ways
 - To keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments

Deut. 30:17

**DEAD END ROAD
TURN AROUND!**

**ROAD
ENDS IN
DEATH**

– you worship & serve other gods

Deut. 30:16-17

- Verse 16

- To love
- To walk
- To keep



- Verse 17

- Heart
- Obey
- Worship /
serve

Deut. 30:17

- Death & Adversity:
 - *“How to Choose Death”*
 - How do we avoid *death*?

Deut. 30:17

- *if your heart turns away and you will not obey* (cf. Deut. 11:13-17)
 - God longs for love from the heart
 - God desires that we would *fear* Him
 - These results in obedience

Love and Fear

- *...Love the Lord your God with all your heart... (Deut. 6:5; cf. 5:10)*
- *Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always... (Deut. 5:29)*

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In Deuteronomy, the fear of the Lord went hand in hand with “keeping His commands,” “walking after Him,” “serving Him,” “loving Him,” and “cleaving to Him” (cf. esp. 10:12-13; 13:5). Thus to fear the Lord was to love Him, cleave to Him, and to serve Him (10:20; 13:4-5).

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To fear Yahweh was to commit oneself to Yahweh in faith.... This fear was a guiding principle for every aspect of life and for “as long as one lives on the earth” (Deut. 4:10; 5:26; 14:23; 31:13; Prov. 23:17) It included the believer’s obedience, love, loyalty, and worship...

Deut. 30:17

- *but are drawn away*
 - Led astray; driven away like sheep
- Deut. 13 – *seduce* (5, 13)
- Who might do this? (1, 6, 12-13)
- Is this serious? (5, 9-11, 14-18)

Deut. 30:17

- *Worship other gods and serve them*

–Deut. 5:6-10

- I am the LORD your God

- Or: I, the LORD, am your God

- *D.T.R.*

Deut. 5:6-10

- Who brought you out...
 - Demonstrated His love, mercy, compassion, faithfulness, power, authority, foreknowledge
 - Repeated 8x in Deut.

Deut. 5:6-10

- Because I am your God, you shall have no other gods before Me
 - Call to faithfulness
 - Obligated to serve Him alone
 - Matt. 4:8-10

Deut. 5:6-10

- You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness...
 - Nothing physical could represent God's majesty or transcendence
 - Anything other than God is less than God

Deut. 5:6-10

- You shall not worship them or serve them
 - Worship and service are expected between any god and its people
 - Rom. 1:18-25

Deut. 30:17

- *But if ... you shall surely perish*
 - *Perish: destruction, ruin; Abaddon*
 - Gen. 2:17 – *die: end of life; separation*
 - The wages of sin is *always* death

NT Example

- 1 Cor. 11:17-34
 - The Problem: *disunity* (17-22)
 - The Reminder: *Lord's Supper* (23-26)
 - God's Solution: *Discipline* (27-32)
 - The Application: *unity/respect* (33-34)

So What?

- Has your heart turned away?
 - Anything that you will not obey?
- Any false gods?
- Any false images of God?
- Any false worship?

So What?

- Is there anything you need to make right with God?
- Is there anything you need to make right with someone else?
- Make it right, right now