

# Parting Words

Moses, Joshua, Peter

Parting words: 4 major themes of 3 men

◆ Remember

◆ Secure

◆ Remain {unblemished} {godly}

◆ Keep focused

## Moses: Deu 32:44-47 \*

- ◇ Moses to Joshua in the hearing of all Israel
  - ◇ “Set your hearts...
    - ◇ On all the words
    - ◇ Command [them] to your children
    - ◇ Be careful to observe
      - all the words of this law
    - ◇ Because it is your life
  - ◇ **SECURE**
  - ◇ **REMEMBER**
  - ◇ **REMAIN**
  - ◇ **KEEP FOCUSED**

# Remember: Deu 32

- ◇ Remember your:
  - ◇ Father/Creator (v. 6) ... has He not made/est. you?
  - ◇ Protector (v. 10-12) ... eagle... hovers over its young
  - ◇ Provider (v. 13-14) ... produce, honey, oil... from rocks
- ◇ But... forgetfulness followed blessings
  - ◇ Blessings → scorn (v. 15-17)
  - ◇ Remember your Lord and Savior (v. 18)
- ◇ 18 “Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten the God who fathered you.

# Remain: Deu 32

## ◇ Remain: UNBLEMISHED

◇ 5-6 “They have **corrupted** themselves: They are **not His children** because of their **blemish**: a perverse and crooked generation. Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people?”

## ◇ UNBLEMISHED: from the world

◇ 2Pe 2:13 {blemished}

◇ 1Pe 1:19 {Christ = unblemished/pure}

◇ Eph 5:27 {Christ cleans/purifies}

## Keep Focus: Deu 32

- ◆ 47 “For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days...”
  - ◆ Keep on Keeping on [as a godly servant]
- ◆ 29-31 “Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had surrendered them? For **their rock** is not like **our Rock**, even our enemies themselves being judges.”

## ... For their rock is not like our Rock

- ◇ Consider [focus] on how you got here
  - ◇ How did you become God's chosen?
  - ◇ Christ is our Rock
- ◇ 36 "for the Lord will judge His people"
- ◇ Rom 14:10 "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."
  - ◇ He will judge us:
    - ◇ To faithfulness [to our true and living God]
    - ◇ -or- to unfaithfulness [to idols/false doctrine/idleness]

## Secure: Deu 32

- ◇ 46 “Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children **to be careful to observe**—all the words of this law.”
  - ◇ As if Moses is saying,
    - ◇ Just because we are Abrahams children... it does not mean that we have already obtained the goal
    - ◇ Keep focus, carefully observe God’s laws and do them
    - ◇ Teach them to your children, not with lip service, but with sincerity and purpose
  - ◇ NT verifies (Lk 16:29, Jn 5:45, Mt 3:8)



## Secure: Deu 32

- ◇ 43 NT prophecy
  - ◇ “Rejoice, O Gentiles,  
with His people...”
- ◇ Rom 11:20-21
  - ◇ Grafted in
- ◇ Rom 11:22-24
  - ◇ Consider the goodness  
and severity of God
- ◇ You can be grafted out  
as easily as you were  
grafted in
- ◇ **Focus!**
- ◇ **Remain** faithful  
[**Unblemished**]

## Secure... but how?

- ◆ How do we now stay firmly fixed to the tree of life? How do we keep from being removed by God's wrathful pruning shears of Rom 11?
- ◆ Rom 12:1-3
  - ◆ 1 "living sacrifice"
  - ◆ 3 "sober minded"
    - 2 "Prove... will of God."

# Rom12: LIVING SACRIFICE

## ◊ Living Sacrifice

◊ Worship God with your very existence

◊ Phi 1:27 (in conduct, STRIVE)

◊ Luk 9:23 (take up cross DAILY)

◊ Rom 12:1 “which is your **reasonable service.**”

◊ Mt 25:24 (excuses from one talent man)

# Rom 12: PROVE

◆ Prove ... will of God

◆ (good, acceptable.  
perfect)

◆ 1Pe 3:15 (**Sanctify** in your  
**hearts**) → Deu 32:45-47\*

◆ JN 5:39, ACTS 17:11

◆ What was the difference?

◆ **Sanctify (pure/purity)**

◆ G37 ἁγιάζω, hagiozō

◆ hag-ee-ad'-zo

◆ From G40; to make holy,  
that is, (ceremonially)  
purify or consecrate;  
(mentally) to venerate: -  
hallow, be holy, sanctify.

# Rom 12: PROVE

Rom 12:2

**Prove**

1Pe 3:15

**Sanctify**

- Set hearts and minds
- manner

Ready defense

In word, in speech, in response →

Good godly knowledge used to teach

## Rom 12: SOBER MINDED

- ◆ Sober minded
  - ◆ Keep a **proper perspective** of self
  - ◆ Rom 11:20
  - ◆ Deu 32: 6, 16, 15, 30

## ROM 12: SOBER MINDED

### ◆ Application:

◆ Heb 1:3 (sustains with His word)

◆ Mat 25:15 (gives to each according to his ability.) {sandbag v. bluff}

◆ Rom 12:3 (see ability honestly, commit\*)

◆ 2Tim 2:15 (diligent worker that DOES)

## Rom 12: Sober Minded

- ◆ Proper perspective:
  - ◆ Though we are Christians
  - ◆ Though we are God's elect
- ◆ Our ticket is not punched to ride our way into Heaven.
  - ◆ Rom 11:22
  - ◆ Rev 2:13
  - ◆ 2Ki 10:31
  - ◆ Rev 3:15



# Perspective: connecting Rom 12 and Rev 3:19

Lukewarm = undesirable

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- ◇ khlee-ar-os'
- ◇ From χλίων chliōn (to warm);  
tepid: - lukewarm.
- ◇ Mat 25 -- foolish virgins

Zealous = desirable to God

- ◇ G2206
- ◇ Ζηλόω, zēloō
- ◇ dzay-lo'-o
- ◇ to **have warmth of feeling for**  
- affect, covet (**earnestly**),  
**(have) desire**, (move with)

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virgins

Sleepy



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virgins

## Distracted

At 55 mph, sending or reading a text  
takes your eyes off the road for about 5 seconds,  
long enough to cover a football field.



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Racing to service



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Zealous = desirable to God

- ◇ Visual, Manual, Cognitive attention, not distraction
  - ◇ In word, worship, living
- ◇ Adequate sleep
- ◇ Early, prepared, engaged

# Final parting words: Peter

◇ 2Pe 1

◇ <sup>13</sup> Yes, I think it is right, **as long as I am in this [f]tent**, to stir you up by **reminding you**, <sup>14</sup> knowing that shortly I *must* [g]put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. <sup>15</sup> Moreover I will **be careful to ensure** that you always have a **reminder** of these things after my [h]decease.

◇ <sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving **all diligence**

◇ [strive, esp. in removing obstacles]

◇ <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is **shortsighted**, even to blindness, and has **forgotten** that he was cleansed from his old sins.

# Final parting words: Joshua 24

- ◇ 1-13 Provides **reminder** of what God has done
- ◇ 14 Joshua instructs:
  - ◇ Fear the Lord
  - ◇ Serve with sincerity and truth
  - ◇ Put away idol distractions
  - ◇ Choose whom you serve!
- ◇ 25-27 everyone makes covenant
- ◇ 24 And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!”
- ◇ 26 Joshua sets up a memorial of this covenant everyone agreed to

# Joshua and Peter

- ◆ Joshua 24:
  - ◆ 1-13 Reminder of what greatness God has done
  - ◆ 25-27 Reminder of covenant relationship with God and reminder of who they were
- ◆ 2Pe 1:
  - ◆ 2-4, 9, 16-18 Reminder of what greatness God has done
  - ◆ 10, 14-15 Reminder of covenant relationship with God and who we are



# Concluding words

Jos 24:14-15

◆ “choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve”

“...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

◆ Let us all with sincerity respond (in word and action):

<sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!”