

## Portion:

Deuteronomy 31

Isaiah 55, 56

Micah 7, 2 Peter 1

Hebrews 4, 5, 6, 12

Romans 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

## Title:

He Knows: Your sin will find you out!

- Your sin will be exposed
- Yahweh will forgive you
- Then what...?

## Set the Scene—Deuteronomy 31

- Israel is standing at the shore the the Jordan 40 years after the exodus (some days before the do actually cross into the promised land.
- Moses has just retold the entire history of Israel's journey.
- He just reiterated the instructions from God and how to live—including many warnings
- Moses has completed the writing down of the 5 books (Genesis-Deuteronomy) and commands them that at every sabbatical year (7th year) at the Feast of Tabernacles, they shall read the law to all people-even the little ones (vv. 9-13)
- He just told them what would happen one day (Ch. 30) when God's people would have their hearts circumcised and how they would become radically obedient
- Now—he knows he's about to die (v. 16) and he is passing on the mantel to Joshua (vv. 7-8)
- Then he inaugurates Joshua to take over (v. 23)

And Yahweh Knows what they are INCLINED to do!

When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they **will turn to other gods** and serve them; and they will provoke Me and **break My covenant**. Then it shall be, **when many evils and troubles have come upon them**, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, **for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.** ""

Deuteronomy 31:20-21 NKJV

Your sin will find you out—and yet his forgiveness is greater — **WARNING** 1350 years later

“Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is **no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him** to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:11-13 NKJV

HOW DO YOU VIEW YOUR SIN?

“But if **our unrighteousness** brings out God’s righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world? Someone might argue, “If my falsehood enhances God’s truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?” **Why not say—as some slanderously claim that we say—“Let us do evil that good may result”?** **Their condemnation is just!** Romans 3:5-8

Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.” Romans 3:31 NIV

“The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. **But where sin increased, grace increased all the more**, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 5:20-21 NIV

**“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”**

Romans 6:1-2 NIV

## DEUTERONOMY AND HEBREWS

**HEBREWS** — The New Testament counterpart of Deuteronomy in a nutshell! (**Deuteronomy**” means “second law,” as in Moses' retelling of God's laws. ..)

## MATURITY

“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the **word of righteousness**, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of **full age**, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, **to renew them again to repentance**, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.” Hebrews 6:1-6 NKJV

His Word will not return void!

““For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, **So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”** Isaiah 55:8-11 NKJV

REPENTANCE PARDONS YOUR INIQUITY, SO WHY GO BACK?!

“Who is a God like You, **Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression** of the remnant of His heritage? **He does not retain His anger forever**, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. **You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.** You will give truth to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.” Micah 7:18-20 NKJV

## Repentance—Turn to Yahweh / Fix your eyes!

“So then let’s also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let’s throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and **fix our eyes on Jesus**, faith’s pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God’s throne.”

Hebrews 12:1-2 CEB

1. Yahweh knows your inclination (Deut. 31, Hebrews 4)
2. Your sin will find you out
3. Grace is NOT an excuse to sin!
4. You are commanded to mature!
5. His word will not return void (Isaiah 55)
6. Repent and He will cast your sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7)—but only if you REPENT
7. The worst thing you could do is GO BACK TO YOUR SIN! (2 Peter)

SIN BE GONE—the single greatest post born again message to embrace! Don’t forget!!!!

“But whoever does not have them is short-sighted and blind, **forgetting that they have been cleansed** from their past sins.” 2 Peter 1:9 NIVUK [**Emphasize how the focus in sin is the greatest error there is for a believer?**]

As far as East is from West vs. North South

—For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**”

Psalms 103:11-12 NIVUK

Forgetting the past —

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **forgetting what is behind** and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13-14 NIVUK

He keeps no records of wrongs —

**“If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.”** Psalm 130:3-4 NIVUK

**“It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”** [LOVE]  
1 Corinthians 13:5 NIVUK

Your sins are gone—don't go back!

AGAIN!

**“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”**

Romans 6:1-2 NIV

**“If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.** Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog**



returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”” 2 Peter 2:20-22 NIV [*“As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.” Proverbs 26:11 NIV*]

“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. **Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.**” Romans 7:7-12 NKJV

The Power to not sin/to not go back?

“For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous

requirement of the law might be fully met in us, **who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**"

Romans 8:3-4 NIV

## ADDITIONAL NOTES — FOR DISCUSSION

Why do I do?

"For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to

the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! **Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God —through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.**”

Romans 7:14-25 NKJV

And His Word is for all people of faith (see 2 Peter)!

“Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed. **Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it;** Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.” **Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD Speak, saying, “The LORD has utterly separated me from His people”;** Nor let the eunuch say, “Here I am, a dry tree.”” Isaiah 56:1-3 NKJV

Speech: “To be, or not to be, that is the question”

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

(from Hamlet, spoken by Hamlet)

To be, or not to be, that is the question:  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,  
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles  
And by opposing end them. To die—to sleep,  
No more; and by a sleep to say we end  
The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks  
That flesh is heir to: 'tis a consummation  
Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep;  
To sleep, perchance to dream—ay, there's the rub:  
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come,  
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,  
Must give us pause—there's the respect  
That makes calamity of so long life.