

**The Heart of the Matter:  
The Essence of Covenant Relationship  
Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1**

A. The Style and Structure of Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1

<b>The Issue</b>		<b>So what does YHWH your God ask of you? (10:12a)</b>		
<b>The Nature of Moses' Answer</b>		You shall fear YHWH your God, walk in all his ways, love him, and serve YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and keep the commands and statutes of YHWH, which I am commanding you today for your good. (10:12b-13)	Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. (10:16)	You shall fear YHWH your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. (10:20)
<b>The Basis of Moses' Answer</b>	<b>The Doxology</b>	Behold, to YHWH your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. (10:14)	For YHWH your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. (10:17).	He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. (10:21)
	<b>The Application</b>	Yet YHWH set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. (10:15)	He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. (10:18-19)	Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now YHWH your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven. (10:22)
<b>The Summary Conclusion</b>		You shall therefore love YHWH your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his judgments, and his commands always.(11:1)		

- A A literal call for covenant loyalty (vv. 12b–13)
- B A metaphorical call for covenant loyalty (v. 16)
- A' A literal call for covenant loyalty (v. 20)

B. Moses' First Answer (10:12b-15)

1. What does God Require?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  
2. What should inspire this response?
  - a. The Transcendent Answer
  - b. The Immanent Answer

C. Moses' Second Answer

1. What does God Require?
2. What should inspire this response?
  - a. The Transcendent Answer
  - b. The Immanent Answer

D. Moses' Third Answer

1. What does God Require?
2. What should inspire this response?
  - a. The Transcendent Answer
  - b. The Immanent Answer

E. Conclusion (11:1)

F. Theological and Practical Lessons

1. This passage corrects the common perception of Old Testament religion as primarily external and cultic.
2. This passage roots the ethics of God's people in the character of God (*imitatio dei*).
3. This passage reminds us that in worship the desire of God must trump the desires of contemporary culture.
4. This passage teaches that the test of true faith is not a creedal statement but the transformed life.
5. This passage reminds us that the disposition of God's people toward the marginalized should differ fundamentally from the disposition of the world.