



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 047 - I Don't Think I Heard You Right!

Deuteronomy 28:45-57

Moses presented two paths for Israel—a way that would bring blessings and a way that would bring terrible curses. Those two same paths are laid out before us too. In this life God has given us His Ten Commandments to guide our path in life. If we obey them by the power of the Spirit, God will shield us from the curses our sinful choices would bring on us.

- Describe the consequences you have suffered because of disobeying one of God's commandments.
- What specific problems have you avoided in your life by following the guidance of one of God's commandments?

Moses' account of what will happen to Israel when they turn away from God is gory and gruesome.

- Why did God make this description so graphic and gory?
- The blessings for obedience take up 14 verses of Deuteronomy 28. The curses take up 54. Why do you think the description of the curses went on so much longer?

Like Israel, we all live lives of disobedience, turning our back on God and His ways and grumbling about the hardships we encounter. Truthfully, the only thing we deserve is to finish our days under His curse. But compare that to Jesus. He lived the perfect life of obedience that should have brought Him eternal blessings. Instead, He fell under our curse when He took our sins upon Himself and suffered the full wrath of God in our place.

- Jesus' suffering and death were every bit as gory and gruesome as the curses in Deuteronomy 28. Why do you think the Gospel writers spared us the gory details of Jesus' flogging and crucifixion?

On the cross Jesus gave us His perfect life and took upon Himself our sins. He took the eternal punishment we deserve and gave us the everlasting reward He earned.

- What comfort does Jesus' saving sacrifice bring to people who are living with the tragic earthly consequences of their sinful lives?