Deuteronomy: Living as God's Covenant People
The Priority of God's Word
Deuteronomy 4:1-31

We live in an age of relativism where everyone thinks they can decide for themselves their own reality and morality. Our culture is quick to dismiss a biblical morality as archaic, antiquated, and irrelevant to toady's modern society. This generation is quick to abandon the reality of God's design in creation, opting instead to redefine the natural order in terms of social constructs.

1. God's Word guides us into His blessing.

2. God's Word provides us with His wisdom.

3. God's Word reveals to us His character.

No matter what our circumstances are, if we seek the Lord we will find Him. He will make Himself available. He stands ready to forgive your sin, heal your brokenness, and reconcile your relationship with Him. He will not forsake you, even when you feel forsaken. He will not forget you even when you feel forgotten. There are all kinds of voices trying to influence what we believe and how we behave, but there is only one voice that is right and true. It is the voice of God, and it has been perfectly preserved in His Word. By obedient faith, we prioritize His Word over all others.

Reflection
To "hear" God's Word also implies "to pay attention, to understand, to obey." Why do all of these meanings go together? John says in 1 John 5:3 that God's "commands are not burdensome." How do you experience God's commandments? What does it mean to "fear" the Lord? Do you fear Him? What is wisdom? How is wisdom different from human intelligence? What is the source of wisdom? What are some benefits of knowing and obeying God's wisdom? What suggestions does Moses give for parents to influence their children in a godly direction? Which of these, if any, do you most need to work on? G. Campbell Morgan said, "The church did the most for the world when the church was the least like the world." What are some things in your walk with Christ that help you maintain separation form the world? In what ways have you compromised with the world?