



GROW GUIDE

Week of March 19, 2017

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God's Covenant Gift and the People's Response
Sermon 4 of 11 in *The Roots of Redemption*

Deuteronomy 6:1-15
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SERMON NOTES

Meeting Challenging Scripture

- A. _____ Reject it _____
- B. _____ Relativize it _____
- C. _____ Accept it _____

Option C takes God seriously as Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of our lives; takes the Bible seriously as the story of what God is doing in the covenant community of the church; and takes ourselves seriously as those within the covenant community who are being invited to share in the work both as agents and recipients of his blessing.

Whenever we read the words of Scripture, it is always followed by the question: _____ well _____?

The Covenant as Gift

The Book of _____ Deuteronomy _____ is one long speech by Moses set on the bank of the Jordan just before Israel enters the Promised Land in which he reminds them of the _____ covenant _____.

The covenant not only named God's _____ promise _____ for their lives, the living out of the covenant was a means of _____ inheriting _____ that promise.

Mercy:

1. "Compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm."
2. "An event to be grateful for, because it prevents something unpleasant or provides relief from suffering."

The right response to the question of "Well?" is to ask for what is always ready to give: _____ mercy _____.

