

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

A covenant with God is a serious matter. It is imperative that one fully understands the terms of the Covenant. Chapter twenty-nine discloses the Lord's exhortation through Moses for Israel's total commitment to follow and obey Him.

The sins of one person can adversely affect others, even an entire nation.

Moses's sage advice/warning comes forth, he exhorts them to "follow all the words of the Law." CAREFULLY follow the terms of the covenant.

The Israelites are exhorted to "make sure" that no one's heart turned away from the Lord and that there was no source in them to produce such "bitter poison." Get it out down to the "root"! Like a dandelion, to pull it up and not get the tap root only encourages it to come back boldly!

APPLICATION:

Believers owe their allegiance to the Lord, after all, by faith, He is their "Lord and Savior." It was true in Old Testament times and it is true today, obedience brings blessing. **Luke 11:28b**, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (NASB) Disobedience brings chastisement. **Hebrews 12:6** states, "for the Lord disciplines the one He loves and punishes every son He receives." (HCSB)