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Deuteronomy Chapter 31:1-30  
Counsel And Commissioning

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

**KEY VERSE FOR US TODAY! DEUTERONOMY 31:8** (NASB)

8 The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

**Vv 7-8**

Moses commissioned Joshua as the Lord had told him. **Be strong, courageous**, and do not be discouraged. The enemy uses the tool of “**discouragement**” against God’s people often. Be aware of this and claim the truths of **Deuteronomy 31:8**.

**Vv 9-13**

The Levitical priests were to read the law at seven-year intervals. Everyone associated with Israel was to be a part of this joyous occasion. The people were to teach their children in their homes daily, see chapter six’s Shema. It was important that the children be included in the teaching of the law to learn to fear God. Every seven years all men, women, and children were to assemble to hear the reading of the Law.

In verse 13 one reads of teaching the next generation.

**V 23**

Be strong Joshua. (instruction in fortitude)

Be courageous Joshua. (instruction in faith)

You will bring the Israelites into the land. (promise)

I promised this. (says God)

I Myself will be with you. (says the Lord)

**In their affluence Israel would become apostate**, turn to other gods, reject God, and break the covenant. When things go well for Israel verses 19-22, they will not draw nearer to God, they will spurn Him! Spurn = to reject with disdain or contempt. Guard your heart against pride.

**Meditate on Proverbs 30:7-9**, “Two things I ask of You; don’t deny them to me before I die: Keep falsehood and deceitful words far from me. Give me neither poverty nor wealth; feed me with the food I need. Otherwise, I might have too much and deny You, ‘saying, “Who is the Lord? Or I might have nothing and steal, profaning the name of my God.”” (HCSB)

**V 19**

**Why a song?** Because people tend to remember them. This was to be a witness to them even for future generations.

**APPLICATION:**

We live in a world that is rapidly changing, morality is hard to find. The fear of the Lord is is practically unheard of. This is where **DEUTERONOMY 31:8** comes in for believers, “The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

The enemy uses discouragement often against God’s people. Believers, claim the truths found in verse eight. This truth ultimately leads God’s people to a careful study of Scripture and to a determination to teach the next generation to fear the Lord.