

Deuteronomy

The Stranger in Your Gates #5

Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 10:19, (NKJV) “ ‘Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt’ ”.

Deuteronomy 10:1–22

Circumcise Your Hearts

Deuteronomy 10:16 (NKJV) *Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.*

Deuteronomy 30:6 (NKJV) *And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.*

Romans 2:27–29 (NKJV) *And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? ²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; ²⁹ but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.*

Colossians 2:11 (NKJV) *In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,*

Philippians 3:3 (NKJV) *For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,*

Ezekiel 11:19–20 *Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.*

Love the Stranger

Deuteronomy 10:17–19 (NKJV) *For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. ¹⁸ He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*

Ruth 2:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ *Then Boaz said to Ruth, “You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. ⁹ Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” ¹⁰ So she fell on her face, bowed down to*

the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”

Luke 10:30–37 (NKJV) *Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²*

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” ³⁷ And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

For You Were Strangers in Egypt

Deuteronomy 10:19 (NKJV) *Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*

Matthew 7:12 (NKJV) *Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

Matthew 2:14–15 *When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”*

Matthew 2:19–21 (NKJV) *Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.*

2 Kings 8:3–6 (NKJV) *It came to pass, at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went to make an appeal to the king for her house and for her land. ⁴ Then the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, “Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done.” ⁵ Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that*

there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life."⁶ And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now."

Judge Righteously

Deuteronomy 10:17 (NKJV) *For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.*

Following the Boston Massacre on March 5, 1770, Captain Thomas Preston, eight British soldiers, and five British civilians were indicted for murder, thus, facing possible execution. Obviously, it was very difficult to find a defense team that would agree to defend them in the very anti-British city of Boston. John Adams realized that much was on the line for colonial America, not the least of which was its international reputation. He realized it was critical for the accused to have a fair trial, lest other nations view colonial America as a place where justice and due process are not respected or applied to all. A fair trial might also prevent retaliation from the British. Furthermore, Adams had gained a personal reputation as incorruptible, and firmly believed that the accused had the right to a fair trial and a competent defense, even though he bitterly hated their cause. All of his neighbors were upset when he defended British soldier.

Deuteronomy 1:16–17 *"Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him.'¹⁷ You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.'*

Deuteronomy 16:19 (NKJV) *You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.*

James 2:1–4 (NKJV) *My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.² For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes,³ and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"⁴ have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?*

James 2:8–9 (NKJV) *If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;⁹ but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.*

Exodus 23:3 *You shall not show partiality to a poor man in his dispute.*

Pure Religion Before God

James 1:27 (NKJV) *Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

Deuteronomy 24:10–15 (NKJV) *"When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge.¹¹ You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you.¹² And if the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight.¹³ You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the Lord your God.¹⁴ "You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates.¹⁵ Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the Lord, and it be sin to you.*

Matthew 25:31–46 *The sheep and the goats.*