



Sabbath School Lesson 6 | Oct 30-Nov 05

Sabbath School Lesson Notes Outline

For What Nation Is There so Great?

A Do not add or take away. Deuteronomy 4:1-2.

- ❖ We would be taking God's place if we tried to make the perfect Law even "more perfect" by adding or removing something from it. That was Satan's desire. His propaganda during his rebellion defended that the Law was imperfect, so changing it was urgent.
- ❖ Satan has induced the people of God to add new rules to the Law through history. For example, by mixing truth with pagan customs, inventing new laws, establishing traditions (2 Kings 17:33; 1 Kings 12:33; Matthew 15:3-6).
- ❖ He even encouraged them to remove commandments like the second one, in order to worship God through images. The people of God has suffered the consequences in every instance.

B The consequences of rebellion. Deuteronomy 4:3.

- ❖ Balaam encouraged the Moabite women to seduce the Israelite men (Numbers 31:15-16). The Israelites that accepted their provocation quickly turned their physical adultery into spiritual adultery (Numbers 25:1-2).
- ❖ By hardening their consciences with the first sin, the physical one, they were ripe for falling into the latter one, the spiritual one, which must have been Satan's ultimate goal.
- ❖ God intervened by demanding a drastic response to that flagrant sin (Numbers 25:5-8). Accepted sins lead to rebellion, and to complete separation from God eventually.

C Following God. Deuteronomy 4:4.

- ❖ About 24,000 people followed Baal Peor. Moses introduces those who followed God instead.
- ❖ There's no middle ground. You can only follow either God or the enemy (Matthew 12:30). You must decide to cling to God, and the power to resist temptation will come from Him (Jude 24).
- ❖ God is able to keep us from falling. But we have to make the conscious choice, as did the faithful at Baal Peor, to cleave to God. If so, then we can be assured that, whatever the temptation, we can remain faithful.

D Our wisdom. Deuteronomy 4:5-6.

- ❖ People will say that Christians are "a wise and understanding people" when they hear about the laws that govern us. And they will hear about them only when we keep them and put them into practice. That is, when we live according to God's Law, living a life consistent with our preaching.

- ❖ We are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16). Let's shine by giving a daily testimony with our obedience to the perfect Law.

E A great nation. Deuteronomy 4:7-9.

- ❖ God chose the descendants of Abraham to make a great nation of them, and to bless all humanity through them (Genesis 12:2-3).
- ❖ Why was Israel a "great nation"?
 - God was with them. He was a close God.
 - They had fair laws and trials.
- ❖ God has also chosen us to bless humanity with the message of Salvation.
- ❖ Why are you a "great person"?