

“EVERYBODY NEEDS A HOME”
‘VICES IN A GOOD HOME’
“UNCOMMITMENT”
DEUTERONOMY 10:1-14
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INTRO: Our theme for FBC this year is **“EVERYBODY NEEDS A HOME,”** and whether we are speaking about our earthly home, our church home, or our heavenly home, **WE ALL NEED A HOME AND WE WANT IT TO BE A GOOD HOME!** Even though we all want a good home, and even though a good home can be achieved, there are certain VICES that will **DRASTICALLY** prevent a home from being **GOOD!** So far in our study on **“VICES IN A GOOD HOME,”** we have noted **UNFORGIVENESS** and **UNFAITHFULNESS.** Today we shall go on to a third vice which is **UNCOMMITMENT!** No matter what home we may consider, the earthly, the church, or the heavenly, **UNCOMMITMENT WILL HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECTS** on that home that will prevent it from being what God wants it to be! **UNCOMMITMENT WILL ALWAYS BRING FAILURE IN ANY SITUATION!** For our earthly home, our church home, and our heavenly home to be what God wants, **COMMIEMENT IS A DEFINITE MUST, WITHOUT WHICH GOD WILL NOT BE HONORED AND WE WILL NOT BE BLESSED!**

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NOTE: From the secular perspective, **“COMMITMENT”** is somewhat difficult to define. I will be giving a biblical description later on, but for now it will be noted that **COMMITMENT MEANS TO “MAKE A PLEDGE,” “TO BECOME ENGAGED,” “TO MAKE A PROMISE,” or “TO BE SINCERE.” UNCOMMITMENT WOULD BE THE OPPOSITE OF THOSE THINGS.**

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HOW DOES UNCOMMITMENT HINDER OUR HOMES?

- 1) Our Earthly Home: **“Uncommitment”** results in devastation, dysfunction, and defeat in the earthly home.
- 2) Our Church Home: **“Uncommitment”** results in the inability for the church to perform the work of God on earth.
- 3) Our Heavenly Home: **“Uncommitment”** results in missing out on divine blessing now on earth, and the loss of divine reward later in heaven.

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BACKGROUND OF THE TEXT OF DEUTERONOMY 10

The Book of Deuteronomy is basically a review of the Laws of God, the Covenants of God with Israel, and the History of Israel in the wilderness. Chapter 10 describes the second giving of the 10 Commandments by God to Moses after Moses broke them when Israel worshipped the **“golden calf,”** and stipulates exactly **WHAT GOD REQUIRES FOR ISRAEL** as they entered the Promised Land. The text has **MANY APPLICATIONS** for us today which cannot be ignored. Everything that is presented in Deuteronomy is centered on the **KEY PASSAGE** which is chapter 11, verses 26-28. **NOTE THE CLEAR EXPECTATION OF GOD IN VSS. 12 AND 13! COMMITMENT!**

“UNCOMMITMENT” IS A VICE TO ANY PERSON, BUT “COMMITMENT” IS VICTORIOUS FOR ANY PERSON. SO LET’S STUDY WHAT “COMMITMENT TO GOD” IS ALL ABOUT AND THEN WE WILL BE COMMITTED IN ALL OTHER AREAS OF OUR LIFE.

I. THE REALITY OF COMMITMENT TO GOD

WHAT IS COMMITMENT TO GOD ALL ABOUT?

- A. Commitment to God is **RESOLVING TO KEEP GOD, HIS WILL, HIS WAY AND HIS EXPECTATIONS THE MAIN PRIORITY IN OUR LIVES!**
 - 1. Being Committed to God means keeping Him first in all things.
 - 2. Being Committed to God’s Will means forsaking our own will.
 - 3. Being Committed to God’s Way means submission to His direction.
 - 4. Being Committed to God’s Expectation means obeying Him always.
- B. Commitment to God is **RIDDING OUR LIVES FROM ALL THAT COMPETES WITH GOD.**

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE REQUIREMENT OF COMMITMENT TO GOD

COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED BY GOD WITHOUT ANY OPTION!

- A. Commitment to God should be the result of our **REDEMPTION.**
- B. Commitment to God is the **ONLY** way He can use us **EFFECTIVELY.**

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE RUDIMENTS OF COMMITMENT TO GOD

FIVE BIBLICAL ELEMENTS ARE PRESENTED IN THE TEXT!

- A. The Committed Christian Fears God
 - 1. Unconditional Respect for God’s Greatness
 - 2. Unfiltered Concern for God’s Punishment for Sin
- B. The Committed Christian Walks in God’s Ways
 - 1. He Receives God’s Truth
 - 2. He Accepts God’s Word
 - 3. He Follows God’s Course of Conduct
- C. The Committed Christian Loves God
 - 1. Through the **DESIRE** to please God
 - 2. Through the **EMOTION** to experience God
- D. The Committed Christian Serves God
 - By yielding to the total will of God without hesitation.
- E. The Committed Christian Obeys God
 - By fulfilling all of God’s expectations without compromise

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE RESULTS OF COMMITMENT TO GOD

GOD WILL BE EXALTED BY THE COMMITTED CHRISTIAN

A. Therefore God will BLESS the Committed Christian

B. Therefore God will USE the Committed Christian

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON: GOD REQUIRES COMMITMENT FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF HIS CHILDREN. ARE YOU COMMITTED TO GOD?