OTC OLD TESTAMENT CHALLENGE | Week 9

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Creating A New Community
"Loving God's Law"
Deuteronomy 4:1-8

The word 'Deuteronomy' comes from two Greek words
- "Deutero" which means **second**
- "nomos" which means **law**

Israel's prize possession was the Law

Three Major Themes in the Law

I. Laws that relate to giving with generosity

Tithe	**10%**	(Lev. 27:30; Deut. 14:22)
Sabbath Year	**14%**	(Lev. 25:2; Deut. 15:1)
Jubilee Year	**2%**	(Lev. 25:8-12)
Gleaning Laws	**4%** (estimate)	(Lev. 24:19-22)
	TOTAL 30%	

The Law's intent was to produce **generous** people.

II. Laws relating to Feasts

- **Feast of Passover** (Deut. 16:1)

  Passover marked their **deliverance** from Egypt

  For Americans, an equivalent might be **fourth of July**

- **Feast of Weeks** (Deut. 16:10-11)

  This Feast celebrated the end of the **growing season**

  For Americans, an equivalent might be **Labor Day**

- **Feast of Booths** (Deut. 16:14-15)

  That the Israelites would remember they lived in **portable dwellings**

  For Americans, an equivalent might be **Thanksgiving**

  God gives the feasts to strengthen their **joy muscles**

III. Head-scratching Laws

- If you have a rebellious son, you can stone him
- People can have slaves
- A husband can write a certificate of divorce to his wife and just send her away if he is displeased with her
- A woman's vows to God must be cleared through her husband or her father
- "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth"

God has to start **where people are**

Moses was working with **pigeons**

God was slowly **weaning** them away from what was **destructive** and teaching them a **new way of life**

READING PLAN:

Complete Track
Monday - Deut. 12-14; Psalm 31
Tuesday - Deut. 15-18
Wednesday - Deut. 19-22; Psalm 32
Thursday - Deut. 23-26
Friday - Deut. 27-28; Psalm 33
Weekend - Deut. 29-34; Psalm 34

Fast Track
1st Reading - Deut. 1; 4; 6; Psalm 38
2nd Reading - Deut. 13; 15; 18
Psalm 39
3rd Reading - Deut. 24; 29-30;
Psalm 4