Deuteronomy 27-28

Read 27-28 before beginning the questions in this lesson.

- 1. Israel was supposed to set up two objects on Mount Ebal. Each represented something important to their faith. What function did each serve?
 - a. The plastered stones inscribed with the covenant
 - b. The altar for sacrifices
- 2. What was supposed to happen at the covenant renewal ceremony (27:12-16)?

What was the meaning or purpose of these events?

3. After the responsive oaths, Moses described the blessings and curses that the people were calling down on themselves. What blessings could an obedient people expect (28:1-14)?

Briefly describe the misfortunes that would befall Israel if the people disobeyed (28:15-69).

- 4. The law posted on Ebal, the altar of sacrifice, and the blessings and curses all proclaim truths about God and man that are basic to the New Testament.
 - a. Why was the covenant treaty on the mountain of cursing (rom 3:19-20; 4:15; 7:7-8; Deuteronomy 31:26-27)?
 - b. Why was an altar for sacrifice also necessary on the mountain of cursing (Lev. 4:13-14; Hebrews 9:22)?

- c. What NT principles do the blessings and curses declare (Rom 2:6-13; 6:23; Galatians 6:7-8)?
- 5. How does God's word fulfill for us the same function that the covenant posted on Mount Ebal fulfilled (Rom 3:20; Hebrews 4:12-13)?
- 6. How does Jesus do for us what the sacrifices did for Israel (Romans 3:21-26; Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:1-14)?
- 7. The Israelites invited God to curse them if they broke His commands (Deut 27:12-16). Why do Christians not do this (Gal. 3:10-14)?
- 8. Because of Jesus, Israel's covenant renewal ceremony no longer applies to us. However, have you learned from 27-28 any principle or attitudes that are relevant to the Christian life? If so, what are they?