

Kingdom Come Series ©:
Effectiveness in Missions
Deuteronomy 11:1-24

A. Background

1. **Amazing time in Israel's history**
 - Seen miracles, deliverance
 - Seen the judgement of the Lord on His enemies
 - Heard the very Word of God through Moses: His law and His ways
 - A generation purified to enter the land of promise
 - Moses teaches for the first time that this is a demonstration of God's love
2. **Part of a larger plan of God to bless all the nations of the earth**
 - Called out a people to be His people
 - Providing land that could be the place that would draw all nations to Him and expand His kingdom over all the earth
 - Note: "election is not a synonym for elitism" John Stott
 - For this to happen Moses teaches that they must love God and serve Him with all their heart and soul
3. **Deut 11 is a summation of what God is requiring of them to be effective**

B. Effectiveness in mission

1. **Love God and keep His commands 11:1**
2. **God has invested in you so that you can do this task 11:2-7**
3. **Obedience results in strength 11:8-9**
4. **New approaches are needed because this is not like other places 11:10-11**
5. **But God is already ahead of you in caring for the land 11:12**
6. **and He is ready to bless the land (make it fruitful) if you obey Him 11:12-15**
7. **But beware of deception of other gods 11:16-17 (ever wonder why Israelites seem to be such idiots?) Its not a matter of the mind but of the heart!**
8. **So you must cling to God's word 11:18-21**
9. **And you will be effective 11:22-24a**

C. Applications for us

1. **We are here to play a part in the expansion of God's kingdom**
2. **God has invested in us for this purpose**
3. **It is not like any other place or time but God is INTIMATELY familiar with it**
4. **We must CAREFULLY keep His Word, love and serve him with all our heart and soul and He will sustain us. God is not looking for heroes or martyrs- he is looking for servants.**
5. **We must be on guard against the deception of false gods:**
6. **It is the Word of God that will guard us- not our own plans**
7. **And the kingdom WILL be expanded**