

THE NECESSITY OF A CHANGE OF HEART

- *Scripture Reading:*
- **Deuteronomy 5:22-29; 10:12-16**

INTRODUCTION

The heart of man as described in Scripture consists of the mind, the will, and the emotions

The human heart is perverted in all three areas – Jer 17:9

Israel's presumption and disobedience in doing/keeping the Law covenant, was a result of the wicked condition of their hearts

God's desire for a heart of obedience - Deut 5:24-27

God's instruction for direction and protection of their heart

- God's command to correctly use their heart- Deut 6:5 -12
- Don't let your heart forget – Deut 8:13-18
- Don't let your heart be deceived – Deut 11:16-20

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- Obedience would result in their own righteousness – Deut 6:25, cf Isa 64:6
- The only solution for an obedient heart: heart circumcision – Deut 10:12-26, cf Acts 7:51
- The Lord did not provide help for their heart problem (before His second coming) – Deut 9:2-4

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THE REJECTED PROVISION OF CHRIST FOR ISRAEL'S HEART PROBLEM

- 3 dispossessions of the land and 3 restorations to the land
 - Into Egypt / out of Egypt
 - Into Babylon/ out of Babylon
 - Scattered throughout the nations, yet to be gathered from the nations

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The offer of the Kingdom of
the Heavens – Matt 3:4

Christ's fulfillment of the
Law – Matt 5:17-18

Christ's offer to bear
Israel's burdens

- The requirement of the Law - Matt 11: 28-30
- Their sins - Rom 8:3

Christ's provision rejected –
Matt 23:37

- Therefore, scattered – Deut 28-29

GOD'S FUTURE WORK IN THE HEARTS OF ISRAEL

- The heart-circumcision promised in Deut 30:6 will be accomplished by the “New Covenant” with Israel
- Future: Jer 31:31-34

CONCLUSION

- Rom 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”
- God’s faithful fulfillment of His promises to Israel:
 - the blessings
 - the curses
 - the scattering among the nations
 - The regathering from the nations
- Assures us as NT grace believers of God’s faithful fulfilment of all His promises to us!