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## Grace in the Law

### INTRODUCTION

The book of Deuteronomy is the last book in the Pentateuch and is known as the “Second Law.” It consists of a series of sermons Moses preached to Israel so that they might be devoted to the Lord before entering the Promised Land. In this lecture, Dr. Lawson maps out the doctrines of grace in the book of Deuteronomy through a study of seven significant passages about God’s sovereignty and love.

### LEARNING GOALS

When you have finished this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the significance of seven key passages in the book of Deuteronomy
- Understand the direct correlation between God’s sovereign election and love

### KEY IDEAS

- The book of Deuteronomy is a series of sermons that Moses delivered to the people of God before they entered into the Promised Land.
- The sovereign choice of God in election is based upon His unconditional, eternal love in which He has set us apart to be His holy possession.
- The work of regeneration is the work of God alone whereby He circumcises our hearts so that we might love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

### REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before the Video

*What Do You Think?*

Take a moment to answer the following questions. They will prepare you for the lecture.

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- How did you react the first time you were confronted with the doctrine of election?
  - Why do some people believe the gospel while other people do not believe the gospel?
  - How would you describe your life before you came to know the Lord?

### *Scripture Reading*

*For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.*

—Deuteronomy 7:6–9

- What are some of the key words in this passage related to the doctrines of grace?

### During the Video

Answer the following questions while you watch the video. They will guide you through the lecture.

### *Sovereignty and the Heart of God*

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- Why was Sihon king of Heshbon not willing to allow the Israelites to pass through his land in Deuteronomy 2:30?
- What two words are used synonymously in Deuteronomy 4:37?
- Why did God choose the people of Israel according to Deuteronomy 7:7?

- What can the exodus be a picture of in the Christian life?
- Deuteronomy 29:4 reads, “But to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.” What does this passage presuppose?
- What illustration is used in Deuteronomy 30:6 for the work of God in the believer’s life?

#### After the Video

Answer the following questions after you have finished the lecture. They will help you identify and summarize the major points.

- Why is the doctrine of election one of the most loving doctrines of the Bible?
- How do people evidence their election? Why would God elect to save the weak things of this world, as revealed in 1 Corinthians 1:26–31?
- What distinction did Dr. Lawson make in regard to the love of God? Define what the various components of this distinction mean.

#### PRAYER

Commit what you have learned from God’s Word in this lesson to prayer.

- Praise God for delivering you from the domain of darkness.
- Confess any tendencies you have to boast in your own strength.

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- Thank God for calling you into a life of holiness in Jesus Christ.
  - Ask God to make you humbly dependent upon Him for holiness.