Broken Cisterns!

May 1, 2022 – Deut. 5:1-11 Pastor Jon Pickens



What is the context of the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy?

- 1. Moses is preparing Israel to **enter** the promised land.
- 2. Moses is reminding them of the special **covenant** God made with Israel.
- 3. Moses is reminding them of the **holiness** of God.

What Do We Learn from the First Three Commands?

- 1. God **alone** is worthy of worship.
- 2. False **images** of God diminish His glory.
- 3. False **representation** of God tarnishes His name.

How do we identify and deal with the idols in our lives?

1. Examine your heart.

2. **Repent** of your idolatry.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why do you think it was important for the Israelites to be reminded of the Ten Commandments before they entered the land that was promised to them?
- 2. Read Deut. 5:6-11. What sets these commandments apart from the others?
- 3. Idolatry is obviously a big deal to God. Why do you think that is?
- 4. What are some common idols of the heart that we see in our world today?
- 5. What are some of the idols of our own heart that we need to deal with?
- 6. Spend time in confession and ask the Lord to help you set your heart on Him?
- 7. What is a take-away for you from the message or this passage?

Next Steps:

- 1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
- 2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
- 3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
- 4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

May 2022 Two Year Bible Reading Plan				
Week 1 Starting May 2	Week 2 Starting May 9	Week 3 Starting May 16	Week 4 Starting May 23	Week 5 Starting May 30
Day 1: Num. 32-33	Day 1: Deut. 4	Day 1: Deut. 12-13	Day 1: Deut. 22-23	Day 1: Deut. 30-31
Day 2: Num. 34	Day 2: Deut. 5-6	Day 2: Deut. 14-15	Day 2: Deut. 24-25	Day 2: Deut. 32
Day 3: Num. 35-36	Day 3: Deut. 7-8	Day 3: Deut. 16-17	Day 3: Deut. 26-27	Day 3: Deut. 33-34; Josh 1
Day 4: Deut. 1-2	Day 4: Deut. 9-10	Day 4: Deut. 18-19	Day 4: Deut. 28	Day 4: Joshua 2-3
Day 5: Deut. 3	Day 5: Deut. 11	Day 5: Deut. 20-21	Day 5: Deut. 29	Day 5: Joshua 4-5

"And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

-Deuteronomy 5:19-21

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?