

# Turn From the Grave

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- [ 0 : 00 ]     Good morning, brothers and sisters. My name is David. I'm one of the staff here at Watermark, and I'm responsible for the Mandarin ministry.
- And Karen is my co-worker here. So I'm thankful for her so that you can understand what I'm saying here today.
- Today is the last message in our series on Deuteronomy. When we think back over Deuteronomy, we see that God has made a covenant with the people of Israel.
- He's given them His sacred law. It speaks of God's holiness, righteousness, love and compassion.
- Not only did He give them this law, and He told them how they ought to love one another. How they should care for the widows and orphans and foreigners among them.
- [ 1 : 25 ]     And He even told them how they ought to celebrate and party. You know, we can always review and go back and listen to the previous sermons in this series.
- Today, we see that the people of Israel, they need to turn back to God.
- This is a weird feeling. Because where are they now? And we think this is so strange, because what is the situation that they are in? Because they are in the situation that they are in.
- They are in the place of the Lord. They immediately enter the place of the Lord. Actually, they are just outside of the promised land. They are about to enter into the promised land. But in the Bible, they are in the promised land.
- And why is this passage talking about turning back? This is like a couple of married married to a couple of married married.
- [ 2 : 25 ]     They say, It's as though you are telling people who are about to get married.
- In the future, when you are about to get divorced, this is how you repair the relationship. Because here, Moses is saying to the people who are about to enter in the promised land, After you go into exile, this is what you should do.
- In the future, it reminds us how, in God's perspective, A day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.
- I like a movie. There is a movie that I like. There is a type of movie that I like.
- For example, Back to the Future. Like The Wife of the Time Traveler. Recently, there is a movie that I like.
- [ 3 : 36 ]     Some amazing professor. Dr. Strange. Sorry, Dr. Strange. So, in Dr. Strange, there is a treasure.
- He can see the past and future. It enables him to see the past and the future.
- If you have this treasure, I see the wall on the table. If you look at the wall, it's a wall. You know, if you were to look into it, at my future, you would see I'm Apollo Bones.

You just look at it a little bit, and it's as though we fast-forwarded hundreds of years. Hundreds of years after Israel entered the promised land, they betrayed God, and God allowed them to go into exile.

Because in human relationships, it is very rare to find this kind of a promise. Like, for example, if you have a dating couple, or even good friends, the relationship among good friends, if one party offends and does a lot of things against the other party, what typically happens is the other party gets really mad and doesn't want to have anything to do with the first offending party.

But the God that we see in this passage of Scripture, He's very different. When the Israelites went to the other party, after they were beaten, the other party, the other party would still tell them to go back.

[ 6 : 42 ]      This is what precedes our passage of Scripture today. We need to turn back, return to the Lord. Leave the path to death and return to the path of life.

In verse 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, it repeats and repeats the concept of turning back, restoring, turning again.

In verse 1, in the ESV translates it, call them to mind. In verse 2, it says return.

The 9th is in verse 9, it uses the word again. In verse 9, but in the original language, the term is this idea of turning, returning.

In verse 3, it says, then the Lord your God will turn back. He'll restore your fortunes.

[9:19] It's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. If it's amazing. Again, we think about the illustration of marriage. If one party offends the other party.

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Because when I want to try to understand God's word I feel like I need to put in a lot of effort I need to spend a lot of time and study and try to understand What is God really trying to say in this passage But the people of Israel They were so blessed When they stood there and when they heard these words It was in their own language When I'm studying the scripture Oh it had to have been translated into Chinese translated into English This word It was in their language

[ 16 : 53 ] And it was in their mouth And it was in their heart But what does it mean That this word was in their heart? God told them to keep on meditating on To keep on thinking on And repeating these words Until these words were in their hearts And until God's word became part of their lives And even when we go to Israel today We find, for example Many many Jewish people At the wailing wall And they're repeating repeating, repeating, repeating God's words Until God's words are in their hearts

Now all of us We spend different amounts of time And use different methods To read God's word But as we spend time in God's word God's word enters into our lives 30 6 In verse 6 it says that We are to love the Lord your God With all your heart And with all your soul But then how do we actually love God?

Our Lord Jesus he said If you obey my commandments You love me What can we do If we want to love God?

We can love His commandments It's very difficult to understand I mean when a human being is standing next to you Maybe it's easier to understand how to love them Or maybe it's also very difficult How do you love a God Who you can't see God says if you love His word And you obey His commandments You're loving Him Recently I learned A new way of spelling the word love Because I now have two little ones And I want to learn

How to better love my children And so I attended a parenting seminar And this This grandfather there said This is how you spell the word love We can spell it together T-I-M-E I spell love T-I-M-E What does this mean?

[ 20 : 45 ] Whatever you love You're going to spend time on If you love hiking You're going to spend time hiking If you love playing basketball You're going to spend time playing basketball If you love your boyfriend or girlfriend You're going to spend a lot of time with them Also if you love your spouse You're going to spend time with them And so for me I realized If I want to love my children I need to spend time with them And for me I realized That if I use this standard I don't love my kids that much



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[ 34 : 12 ] But after Christ rose from the dead Jesus Christ went and sought Peter out ■■ ■■■■  
And he asked him Do you love me ■■■■ Do you love me ■■■■ Do you love me  
■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ God loved Peter so much That  
even when Peter betrayed him And denied him God sought him out ■■■■  
■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■ ■■■ And Peter repented And Peter turned to Christ  
Turned back to Christ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■ So today We also need to spend  
time Reflecting on What is our sin ■■■■■■■■■■■ And sometimes we need to  
remind one another ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■

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We thank you ■■■■■■■■■■■■ Thank you that you are a God of such love  
■■■■■■■■■■■■ Even when we were still sinners ■■■■■■■■■■■■ You sent the Lord  
Jesus Christ ■■■■■ To come to earth ■■■■■ To save us ■■■■■■■■■■■■ To save us  
We were helpless sinners ■■■■■■■■■■■■ And you continually speak your  
word to us ■■■■■■■■■■■■ So that we can know you ■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■  
■■■■■■■■■■■■ And so we know how to put your words into our hearts ■■■■■■■■■■■■ And  
also to speak your words to others ■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■ Lord we pray that you  
would help us and those around us ■■■■■■■■■■■■ And to take this path of life that you've  
given us ■■■■■

Thank you Lord ■■■■■■■■■■■■ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray Amen  
Amen Correct ■■■ screens oud And always ■■■ oud