

## STUDY 3- DEUTERONOMY- The spirit of The Law

“Deuteronomy gives utterance to truths that are always sovereign- that God is one, and that man is wholly His, that it is He who finds us rather than we who find him; God is Righteousness, and Faithfulness., Mercy and Love. Those qualities are also what He requires of us toward Himself and toward one another . His will lies not in the unknowable heights but in the moral sphere known and understood by all.”

(George Adam Smith)

### The Greatness of Deuteronomy

- It identifies the One True God and emphasizes His holiness
- It is ruthless against images, idolatry and worship of other gods.
- It affirms the everlasting love of God to Israel
- It is based on God’s absolute faithfulness to His covenants with the fathers of Israel.
- It expects that the response will be to show love and obedience
- It teaches that God has chosen one holy people
- It shows that imitating God’s kindness will lead to willing generosity to those less fortunate than ourselves
- It enshrines honesty, fairness and thoughtfulness .
- It is concerned for the One faith to be faithfully passed on to future generations
- It clearly outlines God’s unchanging morality, and the rigid consequences for defiance .

### KEY WORDS (the rationale for service, the emotion to care and the hope)

- Love God-only found in Deuteronomy , The Covenant (27 times)
- Heart (48 times) Give and giving, this day
- Remember, forget not , consider, hearken, do