



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Deuteronomy 6:1-9

### The Great Commandment

“These are all the laws that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you. Obey them in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. As long as you live, you and your descendants are to have reverence for the Lord your God and obey all his laws that I am giving you, so that you may live in that land a long time. Listen to the, people of Israel, and obey them. Then all will go well with you, and you will become a mighty nation and live in that rich and fertile land, just as the Lord, the God of our ancestors, has promised. Israel, remember this. The Lord – and the Lord alone – is our God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Never forget these commands that I am giving you today. Teach them to your children. Repeat them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working. Tie them on your arms and wear them on your foreheads as a reminder. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.”

## Deuteronomy 28:2-8

### The Blessings of Obedience

“If you obey the Lord your God and faithfully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, he will make you greater than any other nation on earth. Obey the Lord your God and all these blessings will be yours: The Lord will bless your towns and your fields. The Lord will bless you with many children, with abundant crops and with many cattle and sheep. The Lord will bless your grain crops and the food you prepare from them.

The Lord will bless everything you do. The Lord will defeat your enemies when they attack you. They will attack from one direction, but they will run from you in all directions. The Lord your God will Bless your work and fill your barns with grain He will bless you in the land that he is giving you”.

The Book of Deuteronomy is one long plea for hearty obedience based on our love of God and our willingness to do what He asks.

God loves us and wants us to enjoy Him and all the blessings of his love. Continued.....

## Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Psalms 99



## 2 Corinthians 6-9 and 13-15

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. As the scripture says, “He gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever.

13-15 And because of the proof which this service of yours brings, many will give glory to God for your loyalty to the gospel of Christ, which you profess, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. And so, with deep affection they will pray for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown you. Let us thank God for his priceless

Blessing Evelyn



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



40 Christmas Child boxes are packed and ready to be sent.

Thanks to everyone who contributed time, money and effort to fill these amazing boxes. We are sure that the children will be very grateful to receive them.

God's help is only a prayer away. ~ anon

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~ John Nowland

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~ Shelby Davidson



.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Margaret Davidson left hospital this week, and pray for her continued recovery.
- We pray for the people affected by flooding in Tasmania and Victoria, whilst continuing to pray for rain for the Tamworth area.
- We pray for people who continue to be unemployed due to Covid19.
- We thank God for the friends we worship with at our Peel Valley churches.
- We pray for students who commence their Higher School Certificate this week.

### Meg's Musings

Last Tuesday night I watched a programme called "No Time For Quiet", about teenage girls attending a five day all-girl's rock music camp.

Some of the girls were interviewed prior to the camp, and for eighteen months afterwards.

What surprised me was their reason for attending - to meet other girls who might be able to understand, and accept them. Most of the girls felt friendless, lonely and scared by life. Some stated that they felt safer participating in online games (which are quite violent), than they did interacting with people. That really shocked me, so I tried thinking it through a bit more. I realised that in video games, emotions are put aside. These girls feel emotionally vulnerable because they feel that no one can understand them, accept them, and love them.

What a surprise they would get if they discovered that God has loved them their whole life through - That He/She loves them, knows them intimately and accepts them absolutely and completely!

It is time to let the world in on a huge secret; none of us is alone; each of us is loved, and God never stops seeing us as His wonderful, beautiful creation.



Blessings from Meg

"Be strong. Be brave. Be fearless. You are never alone." ~ Joshua 1:9



Know that you are *never alone*  
 God is with you, holding you,  
 comforting you, and most of all  
*loving you no matter what.* ~ anon

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

### PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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### Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)

#### Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

<sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

<sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"

<sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax."

They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

<sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied.

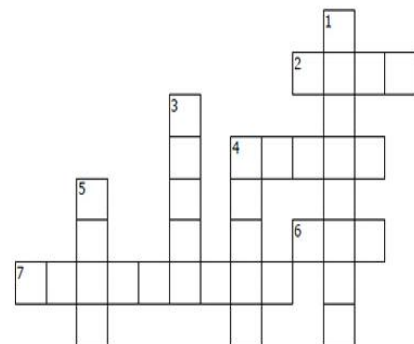
Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

### Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
6. To give someone money in return for something.
7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

#### DOWN

1. A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
4. Money paid to the government.
5. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.

I finally got 8 hours of sleep.  
Took me four days but whatever!

