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*God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.*

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## Deuteronomy 15.

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But also shows how you can know God for yourself.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

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**INTRODUCTION:** this is a continuation of the previous chapter, Israel is soon to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The primary focus of all the following chapters is upon Moses re-telling to the new generation about to cross the River Jordan all the covenant laws the LORD originally gave to Israel at Mount Sinai so that the new generation would renew the covenant with the LORD before they enter the Promised Land. The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (see also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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**Laws for the seven year grant of release:** at the end of every seven years the LORD'S release was proclaimed, Israel was to grant a release. Whatever was lent to an Israelite brother was to be released, every creditor was to release what they had lent to their neighbour the creditor was not to allow for any variations if it was his neighbour or his brother, but the creditor could allow for variations from a foreigner.

**Laws for the Poor:** there was to be no poor among Israel because the LORD would bless the land that He is giving Israel for an inheritance to possess, if one of Israel's brothers did become poor they were not to harden their heart or refuse to help them, they were to help their brothers in need and lend them sufficient for their need, whatever it may be.

Israel was not to think that the seventh year is near and look grudgingly on their poor. They were to give to their poor freely and not be grudging when they give to them. If they did not help their poor they would be guilty of sin. There would always be poor in the land that is why the LORD commands Israel to help the needy and the poor.

**Laws for an Israelite that is sold as a slave and desires to go free:** if a brother of Israel or a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman is sold to an Israelite, they were to serve six years and in the seventh year they were to be set free. When they were set free they were not to go out empty-handed, they were to be furnished liberally from their master's own goods and it was not to seem hard to the master when he let them go free because at half the cost of a hired servant they have served him six years.

**Laws for an Israelite that is sold as a slave and desires to remain as a servant:** if the Hebrew slave did not want to go out from their master because they loved their master and his household, since they are well off with them, then the master was to take an awl and put it through the Hebrew slave's ear into the door and they would be his slave forever. This same rule applied to the male and female Hebrew slaves.

**Laws for the firstborn males of the herd and flocks:** all the firstborn males that were born of Israel's herd and flock were to be dedicated to the LORD their God. Israel was not to do any work with the firstborn of their herd or shear it. All Israel's household was to eat the firstborn before the LORD year by year at the place that the LORD chose.

They were not to eat the blood of the firstborn but pour it out on the ground like water. If the firstborn was lame, blind or had any serious blemish whatever it was not to be sacrificed to the LORD, but could be eaten in the towns of Israel, the unclean and the clean alike (people) may eat it, as though it was a gazelle or a deer (both clean animals) so that it wasn't wasted it still became food for the people (but not holy food).

**Blessings:** Moses tells Israel while they are all standing on the wilderness side (east side) of the Jordan River waiting to cross it and enter the Promised Land if they strictly obeyed the voice of the LORD their God to do all that Moses has commanded them the LORD would: -

- Bless them as He promised them.
- Prosper them so that they would not have to borrow from nations, but would lend to many.
- Exalt them so that no nation would rule over them, but they would rule over many nations.

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End.