

STRUCTURE

5:1–5 God initiates and governs a living, intimate relationship with the Israelites ...

- 5:1 | Moses summons the whole congregation and calls them to hear, learn, and do God's instruction.
- 5:2–5 | Moses summarizes the Horeb experience and underscores its personal, binding nature on the generation of Israelites gathered on Moab's plains.

5:6–21 ... that is marked by mutual love ...

- 5:6 | Preamble to Ten Words: the LORD introduces himself as Israel's redeemer.
- 5:7–15 | Call to love the redeemer LORD with exclusive, whole-hearted devotion
- 5:16–21 | Call to love one's neighbor (implicitly, as expression of love for the redeemer LORD)

5:22–6:3 ... and mediated by God's chosen intercessor and prophet.

- 5:22 | Recap: the LORD spoke these words to you out of the fire and wrote two copies.
- 5:23–27 | People plead for Moses's mediation: this great fire will consume us!
- 5:28–31 | The LORD honors people's request for mediator and expresses his desire for their good
- 5:32–6:3 | As mediating prophet, Moses stresses implications for/to new generation: do as the LORD has commanded you!

UNIFYING THEME

God initiates and governs a covenant relationship with the Israelites that is a living, intimate relationship marked by mutual love and mediated by God's chosen intercessor and prophet—and that points forward to the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son who mediates the new covenant.

MOSES'S AIM

Moses is recounting to the new generation the LORD's initiative to reveal himself to their parents' generation at Horeb so that the people will understand and embrace the essence of God's personal, covenant relationship with them (personally and corporately).

TEACHING OUTLINE

5:1–5 God initiates and governs a living, intimate relationship with the Israelites ...

5:6–21 ... that is marked by mutual love ...

- 5:6 | The LORD's redeeming love for Israel
- 5:7–15 | Israel's response of obedient love for the LORD
- 5:16–21 | Israel's response of obedient love for one another (out of love for the LORD)

5:22–6:3 ... and mediated by God's chosen intercessor and prophet.