These are the Words
A Study of Deuteronomy

Practices of Holy People
Deuteronomy 14-15
Lesson 8

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Deuteronomy

- The Past – Deuteronomy 1-4
- The Present – Deuteronomy 5-26
- The Future – Deuteronomy 27-34
Why are we here? (1-4)

- To be a people for His Own possession (4:20)
- The LORD loved the fathers (4:37)
- The LORD brought us here with great power (4:37)
- To live by the commandments of the LORD (4:40)
The Commandments of the LORD (5-26)

- The Covenant at Horeb (5)
  - 10 Commandments
  - The futile pledge (5:27)
  - The fatal flaw (5:29)

- Moses ministers to the people (6-9)
  - The great commandment – Deut. 6:5
  - The priority of the Word (6:6-9)
  - Potential pitfalls: forgetting; testing; mingling (6:10-7:6)
  - The love of God (7:7-26)
  - Remember the ways of God; the character of God; the ways of man – the golden calf (8-9)

- A new start (10-11)
The Statutes and Judgments (12-26)

- Worship by Divine Design (12-13)
- Practices of Holy People (14-15)
  1. Blessed by the LORD God (14:1-2)
  2. A holy diet (14:3-21)
  3. A holy harvest (14:21-29)
  5. A holy people (15:19-23)
Blessed by the LORD God (14:1-2)

- You are the sons of the LORD your God
  - 1 John 3:1-3 – motive for purity of life
- You are a holy people to the LORD your God
  - 2 Peter 1:4 – partaker of the Divine nature
- You are a chosen people for His possession
  - 1 Peter 2:9 – show forth His excellencies
  - Titus 2:14 – zealous for good works
Faded History or Future Hope?

- Genesis 12:1-3 – God will make a great nation
- Jeremiah 14:10-12 – I will make an end of them
- Jeremiah 31:7 – Save the remnant of Israel
You shall not eat detestable things (14:3-21)

- abomination, loathsome, detestable – 117 in O.T.
- Lev. 18:22; 20:13 – homosexuality
- Deu 12:31 – sacrifice children to idols
- Deu 13:13-14; 17:2-4 – idolatry
- Deu 17:1 – defective sacrifices
- Deu 18:9-12 – witchcraft, sorcery
- Deu 22:5 – transgender dressing
- Deu 25:16 – unjust behavior (false balance)
- Proverbs 6:16-19 – sinful character
You shall not eat detestable things (14:3-21)

- **Animals**
  - Clean – split hoof and chew cud
- **Fish**
  - Clean – fins and scales
- **Birds**
  - Named only
- **Swarming insects**
  - Lev 11:20-23 – permits winged insects with jointed legs
- **Nothing that dies of itself may be eaten**
  - Lev 17:13-16 – Alien unclean if he eats such animal
  - Blood not drained (Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14)
- **Not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk**
You shall tithe all the produce of the land (14:22-29)

- 10% of crops
- Firstborn of animals
- Eat at the Temple – place chosen by the LORD
  - To learn to fear the LORD (14:23)
  - To rejoice (14:26)
- Provide for the Levite – yearly
- Provide for Levites, alien, orphan, widow – every 3 years
You shall grant remission of debts (15:1-18)

- Every 7 years
- Year of Sabbath, or 7th year of debt?
- No poor (v. 4) — always poor with you (v.11)
- Generosity without grief
Kinsman slaves (15:12-18)

- Slaves of necessity – out of poverty
- 7 year rule applies – Ex 21:2-6
  - Release
  - Supply liberally
  - Remember the Exodus
  - Release for blessing of the LORD (15:18)
- A slave who loves his master
  - A pierced ear
  - A servant forever
- A pattern for believers and Christ
You shall consecrate the firstborn males of flocks and herds (15:19-23)

- Law of firstborn – Exodus 13:2, 11-15
- Consecrate to the LORD your God
- Firstborn animals – sacrifices and food at the Temple
- Blood poured out – no life in the blood
Why all these commandments and statutes?

- Deut 6:5 – love God with all heart, soul and might
- Deut 6:20-25 – for good, for life, for righteousness