

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)
 4. A holy economy (15:1-18)
 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