


Lesson 9: A Prophet Like Moses

DEUTERONOMY 16:1 – 18:22



Overview

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. (Deut 6:5)
 - Remember the Lord always. (Deut 6:6-9)
 - All that the Lord commanded was for their good. (Deut 6:24)
 - Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word of the Lord. (Deut 8:3)
 - Instruction on how they should live in the land. (Deut 12:1)
 - Instruction for the feasts and for judges, kings, priests, and prophets.
 - Preparing for and looking forward to the one righteous Judge, the one sovereign King and the true and living Word of God.
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Outline

1. Responsibility of the people attending the feasts (Deut 16:1 – 17)
2. Responsibility of the judges and officials (Deut 16:18 – 17:13)
3. Responsibility of the king (Deut 17:14 – 20)
4. Provision for the priests and Levites (Deut 18:1 – 8)
5. Abominable practices (Deut 18:9 – 14)
6. The coming Prophet (Deut 18:15 – 22)

The Three Feasts

1. The Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover (v1-8)
 - Exodus 12
 - Leviticus 23:4 – 8
 - Numbers 28:16 – 25
2. The Feast of Weeks (v9-12)
 - Leviticus 23:15 – 22
 - Numbers 28:26 – 31
3. The Feast of Booths (v13-15)
 - Leviticus 23:33 – 44
 - Numbers 29:12 – 40

The Feast of Unleavened Bread/Passover

1. Highlights...

- Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God (v1)
- **To be performed only in the place that the Lord your God will choose (v2,6,7)**
- The entire nation participated (v4)
- There shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord on the seventh day (v8)

2. Remembrance...

- The Lord your God brought you out of Egypt (v1,3,6)
- 2 Elements
 - Passover sacrifice
 - Unleavened Bread – you came out of the land of Egypt in haste (v3)

The Feast of Weeks

1. Highlights...

- Begins 7 weeks following the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain (v9)
- Offer a freewill offering (v10)
- All shall participate/rejoice (v11)
- **To be celebrated at the place where the Lord your God chooses (v11)**

2. Remembrance...

- You were once a slave in Egypt (v12)
- Be careful to observe these statutes (v12)

The Feast of Booths

1. Highlights...

- Keep the feast for seven days following the gathering in of the produce (v13)
- All shall participate/rejoice (v14)
- **To be performed only in the place that the Lord your God is giving you (v15)**

2. Remembrance...

- The Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your work (v15)

The Requirements for the Feasts

1. All males must make the journey (v16)
2. The place is the Lord's own choosing (v16)
3. Don't come empty-handed (v16)
4. Give according to the blessings of the Lord your God (v17)

Justice

1. Local judges and officers to be chosen by the people (v18)
2. Maintain righteous judgment among the people (v19)
3. Given the responsibility to execute justice alone (v20)
4. Justice affects their inheritance (v20)

Sample Cases?

1. Setting up false worship (16:21-22)
2. Offering a sacrifice contrary to God's word (17:1)
3. Tying together the feasts with the judicial process


The Judicial Process

1. Responsibility of the local courts to search out matters of false worship (v2-4)
2. Inquire diligently (v4)
3. Capital punishment for false worship (v5)
 - Must have 2 or more witnesses for capital punishment to be rendered (v6)
 - Stoning was the form of capital punishment (v5)
 - The hand of the witnesses shall throw the first stones (v7)
 - All the people thereafter shall participate (v7)
4. Goal was to purge the evil from your midst (v7)

Established Higher Courts

1. A supreme court for difficult cases (v8)
2. Established at the place the Lord chooses (v8)
3. Made up of a judge and Levite priests (v9)
4. They are the final decision makers (v10-11)
5. Failure to obey leads to death (v12)
6. The goal was to purge to evil from Israel (v12) and that all should hear and fear (v13)

The Instruction to a Future King

1. It will be the Lord's choice, but the peoples desire (v14-15)
 2. No foreigner shall reign over you (v15)
 3. He must not acquire many horses (v16)
 4. He must not acquire many wives (v17)
 5. He must not acquire great wealth (v17)
 6. He shall write a copy of this law and read it every day (v18-19)
 7. Learn to fear the Lord and not be lifted up above his brothers (v19-20)
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Provision for Priests and Levites

1. No portion or inheritance with Israel (v1-2)
2. They shall eat the Lord's food (v1)
3. The Lord is their inheritance (v2)
4. The priest's due from the people (v3-4)
5. They stand to minister in the name of the Lord (v5)
6. The sojourning Levite's who participate in ministering is due equal portions to the local Levite's (v6-8)
7. Sale of his Patrimony (v8)

Abominable Practices

1. Don't follow the abominable practices found in the land (v9-11)
2. It is an abomination to the Lord (v12)
3. Drive them out from before you (v12)
4. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God (v13-14)

The Prophets and the One Prophet

1. A Prophet like Moses (v15)
 - The One Prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ (v15 – 19)
 - John 3:31-33
2. The prophets to come (v20 – 22)
 - Deciphering between false and true prophets of God
 - Speaking in the name of the Lord
 - Whether it comes true or not

The Coming Judge, a Prophet, Priest and King

1. The Lord Jesus Christ as the perfect Judge
 - The witness of Jesus is true (John 8:17-18)
 - The Lord Jesus will judge all who set aside His commandments (Hebrews 10:28-31)
2. The One True and Perfect Priest
 - You are a priest forever of a better covenant (Hebrews 7:11-28)
3. The Righteous and Sovereign King
4. The Eternal Living Word of God