

"God's Treasured Possession!"

The Book of Deuteronomy-

Old Israel and New Israel = The Church

Lesson 12 for us: "Do what is right in the sight of the Lord"



Date: 1-15-17 Study: #12 Text: Chapter 12

(1) "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that **the Lord, the God of your fathers**, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. (2) You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. (3) You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place.

(4) You shall not worship **the Lord your God** in that way. (5) But you shall seek the place that **the Lord your God** will choose out of all your tribes to put **his name** and make **his habitation** there. There you shall go, (6) and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. (7) And there you shall eat before **the Lord your God**, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which **the Lord your God** has blessed you. (8) "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, (9) for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that **the Lord your God** is giving you.

(10) But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that **the Lord your God** is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, (11) then to the place that **the Lord your God** will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord. (12) And you shall rejoice before **the Lord your God**, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you.

(13) Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, (14) but at the place that **the Lord** will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you. (15) "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your towns, as much as you desire, according to the blessing of **the Lord your God** that he has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle and as of the deer. (16) Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it out on the earth like water.

(17) You may not eat within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of your vow offerings that you vow, or your freewill offerings or the contribution that you present, (18) but you shall eat them before **the Lord your God** in the place that **the Lord your God** will choose, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your towns. And you shall rejoice before **the Lord your God** in all that you undertake.

(19) Take care that you do not neglect the Levite as long as you live in your land. (20) "When **the Lord your God** enlarges your territory, as he has promised you, and you say, 'I will eat meat,' because you crave meat, you may eat meat whenever you desire. (21) If the place that **the Lord your God** will choose to put **his name** there is too far from you, then you may kill any of your herd or your flock, which **the Lord** has given you, as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your towns whenever you desire. (22) Just as the gazelle or the deer is eaten, so you may eat of it. The unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.

(23) Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh. (24) You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the earth like water. (25) You shall not eat it, that all may go well with you and with your children after you, when you do what is right **in the sight of the Lord**. (26) But the holy things that are due from you, and your vow offerings, you shall take, and you shall go to the place that **the Lord** will choose, (27) and offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of **the Lord your God**. The blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on **the altar of the Lord your God**, but the flesh you may eat.

(28) Be careful to obey all these words that I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right **in the sight of the Lord your God**. (29) "When **the Lord your God** cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, (30) take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?--that I also may do the same.'

(31) You shall not worship **the Lord your God** in that way, for every abominable thing that **the Lord** hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. (32) "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Study Notes:

1. The tabernacle is the place of the Lord's dwelling. It was a tent with a fence around it and inside was the holy place and the most holy place where the ark of the covenant was kept. The Lord was the one who defined for them where HE would meet them. They were not allowed to make up other places where they could supposedly meet with God. Moses was their intercessor before the Lord, the blood of the covenant was sprinkled over the mercy seat, and the Levite priests were the only ones who were allowed to do so. This was preparing them for the eventual temple in Jerusalem (designed much like the tabernacle – tent). Then when Jesus came, he would be the intercessor, sacrifice, high priest, temple, tent, tabernacle – all of these pointed to HIM as the fulfillment of these Old Testament types. Thus when we say, like Scripture does, that Jesus is the only way to heaven, this is consistent with the whole Bible revelation from God Himself: There is ONE Messiah, from the ONE people of Israel, from the ONE line of Judah and David, and ONE Savior, who is the ONCE FOR ALL sacrifice, and the ONE SHEPHERD, PRIEST, KING, of the people of Israel to be the ONE LIGHT for all the Gentile nations. All other man-made religions are wrong, incorrect, forbidden and condemned by God as leading people to condemnation and damnation. Our post-modern world says that all ways lead to God, and that there is no such thing as absolute truth. Thus, the orthodox and true Christian church, which teaches God's Word, will be increasingly defamed and persecuted for proclaiming truth in a world of lies and unbelief!

(Genesis 22:11-18; Job 33:14; Jerem 32:37-41; John 14:1-7; Acts 4:8-13; 9:1,2;

Romans ch. 4; Hebrews ch. 11; Titus 2:11-15; 1 Pet 1:5-13; Rev 7:10-17)

2. "The place that **the Lord your God** will choose, to make his name dwell there"

(Ex 3:13,14; 1 Chron ch. 21,22; Mt 17:1-8; Acts 19:17-20)

3. "Rejoice before **the Lord your God**"

(Mt 5:12; Lk 10:20; Jn 16:20-22; Rom 5:3-11; 2 Cor 13:11-14; Php 4:4-7; 1 Thess 5:16-18; Rev 9:7-10)

4. "Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life"

(Gen 9:4; Lev 17:11; Hebrews ch. 9)

5. "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."

(Mt 24:35; Lk 6:47-49; John 12:47-50; Rev 22:18,19)

Life Application:

How do we today, do what is right in the eyes of the Lord and focus our lives on the word of Jesus Christ?

