

## DEUTRONOMY CHAPTERS 7-8 A Chosen People; Blessings of Obedience; Remember the Lord Your God

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Chapter 7: Separation of Israel from the people in the Land!

**A Chosen People; Moses speaking the importance of obedience to the people: A fact of separation of Israel from the people in the promised land!**

Balaam - **Num 23:9** *For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: **lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.***

Shall not be numbered among other nations. We also should be separate!

No toleration with them! God loved them as well - Gen 15 400 years iniquity of the Amorites not yet full – He also loved them! Gave them time, hoping they would turn!

God measures time morally! There's no redemption here! An infection like cancer in our own body - consider Rahab, and the grace there! God wants all nation to know Him!

Israel to demonstrate how to live!

Not to intermarry! - **2Co 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.** *For what fellowship has*

*righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? [15] And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? [16]*

*And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE." [17] Therefore "COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE SEPARATE, SAYS THE LORD. DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN, AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU." [18] "I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY." 2Co 7:1 Therefore, **having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

God leads us by promises!!!. Don't intermarry from a worship standpoint! Not from a racial standpoint – that's no where in the scriptures. If so then I will have to deal with that v. 5 We too should do that – not physically – but we should do that spiritually!

**Separation is not isolation but contact without contamination!** We're to be light and salt.

**2Co 10:4** *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*

### INTERPRETATION

**What Jesus said:**

**Luke 4:1-13** *Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, [2] being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. [3] And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." [4] But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, **'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.'**" (Dt. 8:3) [5] Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. [6] And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. [7] Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." [8] And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, **'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.'**" (Dt. 6:13) [9] Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. [10] For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU, TO KEEP YOU,' (Ps. 91:11) [11] and, 'IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" (Ps. 91:12) [12] And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, **'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.'**" (Dt. 6:16) [13] Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.*

### APPLICATION

**More Love to Thee, O Christ - Elizabeth P. Prentiss, William H. Doane, 1832-1915**

**1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.**  
**This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!**

**2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best.**  
**This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!**

**3. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;**  
**this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!**

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### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

#### **A Chosen People; Moses speaking the importance of obedience to the people:**

*Deu 7:1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,*

#### **Rules of Conquest:**

*Deu 7:2 and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.*

*Deu 7:3 Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.*

*Deu 7:4 For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.*

*Deu 7:5 But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.*

*Deu 7:6 "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.*  
*Deu 7:7 The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;*

*Deu 7:8 but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

*Deu 7:9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;*

*Deu 7:10 and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.*

*Deu 7:11 Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.*

#### **Blessings of Obedience:**

*Deu 7:12 "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.*

**vs. 1-2** “When you go into the Land,” Moses instructs the people, “God will deliver seven formidable foes into your hand. And you shall smite them.” The same is true for us... But we need to participate. In other words, the Lord will deliver us, but we have a role to play as well. At the moment of temptation, when the battle is raging, when the enemy is looming, the Lord will give me victory if I choose to participate. There will always be a way of escape, a way of victory. When Christ Jesus died on the Cross, anything contrary to Christ was crucified, paralyzed. Therefore, all the old nature can do is yell at me, scream at me, and try to intimidate me. But it cannot touch me unless I choose to listen.” Some people say, “I just can’t seem to get over this. I can’t deal with that. Where’s the Lord?” The answer is that the Lord has done His part. Now He’s waiting for you to do yours and smite the enemy.

**vs. 3-4** “Mixed marriages will be disastrous because they’ll pull your sons and daughters away from the Lord,” Moses says. And, again, the same is still true, for compromised relationships slow us down, hold us back, pull us away from where we ought to be.

**v. 5** Can’t you hear the heart of Pastor Moses here as he pleads with his people? They know this. They’ve heard it before. But here is a shepherd, a man of God, saying, “Please listen again. Understand that these things are important: Smite both the enemy and their idols.”

**v. 6** The children of Israel were not to be eroded, lessened, diminished by the worship of false gods but were to be a uniquely whole and holy people.

**vs. 7-8** This is a great Scripture. Moses says I want you to know the Lord didn’t select you to be His, to be holy, to be different, because you were mightier than others. No, He chose you simply because He loved you. God loves you and me not because we are mighty or together or have something awesome to offer. Quite the opposite, He loves us just because He loves us. Period. His love is not based upon how good I’m doing or how much you’re doing, how poorly I’m faring or how much you’re erring. God’s love for us is honestly, truly, absolutely unconditional. And once we grasp this, we can go through our day expecting the Lord to bless us, to shower grace upon us—not because of who we are or what we’ve done but simply and solely of who He is.

**vs. 9-10** Those who arrogantly shake their fist at God, turn their back on God, or make fun of God, will feel the wrath of God.

**vs. 11-13** In verse 7, Moses told the people the Lord loved them unconditionally. Here, he tells them the Lord would love and bless them if they obeyed His Words. Contradictory? No. I love my kids whether they’re good or bad. I love them simply because they’re my kids. But if they say, “We don’t want to be close to you, to visit you--although I’ll still love them, they’ll not enjoy the blessings which would have come their way if they remained close to me. That’s what Jude meant when he said, “Keep yourselves in the love of God” (v. 21). He didn’t mean to try to earn or work for or merit God’s love. He meant we are to just “keep ourselves under the spout where God’s blessings come out.” Here in Deuteronomy, God says, “You’ll experience all kinds of blessings if you keep My commandments, if you take heed to the Word, if you let Me love you.”

**1 – God is the One bringing them into the land. He is the One who will cast out their enemies! Why? Because of His perfect judgment against the wickedness and idolatry of the seven nations. What is the application of this to us today?**

**2 – They’re to be separate! Give no quarter to the enemy! Utterly destroy them! No covenant with them or show mercy to them.**

**Application for us is that we cannot make a treaty with our flesh! Sin wants to get a foothold and then grow, every single day!**

**3 & 4 – Do Not Intermarry Spiritually! Christian couples grow closer to the Lord and to one another. Unequally yoked then not to! Children of mixed marriages tend toward paganism! Warn your children and your grandchildren!**

**5 – Destroy their altars; break down the pillars; cut down the images; burn the graven images! Don’t ever compromise with the enemy – the flesh, Satan, the world!!! Use our powerful weapons of truth, love and light!**

**6 – God sees us as a holy people; as His special treasure. Do you see yourself as that? Are you living the life as a holy and special person?**

**7 & 8 – Why does God love you? Because you have special gifts, capabilities, are generally in good behavior? NO, NO NO, God loves us simply, unconditionally and only because He is a God of love. It’s all because of Him!!!**

**9 – God is always and forever faithful. How faithful has He been to you?**

**10 – What is promised to those who hate Him?**

**11 – What is the proper response to insure against bringing on God’s judgment? -We’re to heed His word!**

**12 – How aware are you of the wisdom of God and walking with God in producing a well ordered, a life of rightness, fullness, fruitfulness and well being?**

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*Deu 7:13 And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.*

*Deu 7:14 You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.*

*Deu 7:15 And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.*

*Deu 7:16 Also you shall destroy all the peoples whom the LORD your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.*

*Deu 7:17 "If you should say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?'—*

*Deu 7:18 you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:*

*Deu 7:19 the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.*

*Deu 7:20 Moreover the LORD your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed.*

*Deu 7:21 You shall not be terrified of them; for the LORD your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.*

*Deu 7:22 And the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.*

*Deu 7:23 But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed.*

*Deu 7:24 And He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.*

### INTERPRETATION

**vs. 14-15** The Israelites were all too familiar with the diseases of Egypt. Egypt being a type of the world, we, too, see the sickness of the world in which we live. Keep in mind that everything in the OT is a physical picture of a New Testament spiritual truth... The children of Israel were delivered from the bondage of Egypt and brought to the Promised Land. We've been delivered from the world system and ushered into the Spirit-filled life. Their citizenship was in a land. Ours is in heaven. They fought with swords and spears. The weapons of our warfare are spiritual. They were to smite their enemies. We are to reckon dead the enemy of our soul. If you don't understand this, the OT will be troubling and impractical to you. The diseases the OT talks about which were physical for them are spiritual for us. The Lord wants to make us a peculiar, special people, different from the Egyptians that surround us. And He says that will happen if we do what He tells us to do.

**vs. 16-17** Moses says, "When you come to the place where you're tempted to say in your heart, deep within you, that there's no solution, no victory, no way out, you must remember not to succumb to fear."

**vs. 18-19** Fear is more a loss of memory than it is a lack of faith. That is why Moses says, "When you begin to feel afraid, remember what the Lord did for you in setting you free from the bondage of Egypt." "Do this in remembrance of Me," Jesus said (Luke 22:19). As I go the Lord's Table and am reminded that He gave everything to save my soul, I know He'll see me through whatever it is that's frightening me presently. The Bible says there is one thing that casts out fear. It isn't faith. It's perfect love (1 John 4:18). When I realize how much the Lord has already loved me, I won't be afraid of anything or anyone.

**v. 20** In Isaiah 7, the Assyrians are called bees. Thus, it could be that the Lord is saying, "I will use other nations to come down to Canaan to deal with your enemies." But it seems the reference here is to literal hornets. The Lord has amazing ways at His disposal to drive out His enemies.

**v. 21** *not be terrified*... What do you fear? At any given moment I am living in fear and so are you—either the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom and success (Psalm 111:10), or the fear of man, which is a snare (Proverbs 29:25). The exhortation of Moses to the congregation at Jordan was, "Remember how much God has done for you already. He's not going to let you down now." God loves you! He proved it to us on the Cross. So do what He's called you to do and don't fear. Fear not and watch and see how God will bless you. ... *for the LORD your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.* What a wonderful promise for you and me? In fact the reality is that God is with us presently.

**vs. 22-23** Had God driven the enemy out of the land quickly, wild beasts would be a severe problem to God's people. So He drove the enemies out a little at a time until the children of Israel were ready to take on more territory. God is working like that in you and on me. "But it's going so slowly," you say. But God would say to you and me, "Be patient and trust Me. I'm not going to drive out your enemies immediately, but little by little, I'll give you more territory, more possibilities, more responsibilities."

**v. 24** In other words, God says, "No one will be able to stop you from doing what I've called you to do."

### APPLICATION

**13 – Notice the promises of living in obedience with God's word! – blessings, multiplication, large families, fruitfulness, an increase across the board!**

**14 – Note the promised blessings to Israel "above all people". No barrenness in family or possessions.**

**15 – We see Godly living dramatically affecting our health!**

**16 – We are not to tempt – test, try or prove – the Lord our God!**

**17 – Israel was not to say, How am I going to do this? Just like us!**

**18 – Remember the faithfulness of God in your life and don't be afraid!**

**19 – God has brought you this far – through many trials!!! So shall He give you victory over all your foes!!**

**20 – He'll use supernatural and natural weapons to drive the foes out of your life!**

**21 – Because of His awesomeness and greatness, we're never to be afraid!!**

**22 – Notice the "little by little". The same is true in our lives, with victory over our sin!**

**23 – Slowly but indeed surely, He will give you and I victory!**

**24 – He will deliver all our enemies into our hand. No one will be able to survive if we are totally committed to Him!**



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*Deu 7:25 You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.*

*Deu 7:26 Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly (12X) detest (abhor, revulsion) it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing.*

### Remember the Lord Your God

*Deu 8:1 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers.*

*Deu 8:2 And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.*

*Deu 8:3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.*

*Deu 8:4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.*

*Deu 8:5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.*

*Deu 8:6 "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.*

*Deu 8:7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills;*

*Deu 8:8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;*

*Deu 8:9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.*

**Warnings when you become prosperous! Don't Forget God! Don't slide into disobedience! Guard against Pride – taking credit for your prosperity!**

*Deu 8:10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.*

### INTERPRETATION

**v. 25** *The silver or gold that is on them* - The silver and gold with which the statues of the gods were overlaid. Paul is probably alluding to this command in Rom 2:22; and his accusation of the Jew thus shows that the prohibition of the text was very necessary.

*Lest you be snared* - As by the rich ephod made by Gideon. **Judges 8:27. v. 26** *an abomination....for it is an accursed thing*; as an idol is, and so is everyone that worships it; for what more exposes to the curse of God than idolatry, a breach of the first table of the law? And therefore subjects a man to the curse of it; nay, the bringing of an idol into a man's house brings a curse into it, and makes him liable.

**vs. 1-2** “Do what you know is right in God’s sight,” Moses instructed the children of Israel. “Remember how the Lord took you through the wilderness for forty years to humble you, to prove you, to test you, that you might know where you’re truly at, what’s really taking place within your hearts.” It’s easy to say, “I’m going to keep the commandments of the Lord. I’m going to do what He tells me.” The proof, however, is in the wilderness. It’s when the days are dry and difficult and when the heat is rising that we get to see if we are truly those who obey what the Lord tells us to do.

**v. 3** The Israelites welcomed God’s provision of manna because they were in a place of hunger. That’s always the way it is. We get hungry in the wilderness, in the day of difficulty. And it is then that we long for God’s provision for us.

**v. 4** One commentator suggests that, because deficiency in diet causes feet to swell, this text proves that the manna that came from heaven every morning was perfectly suited for the Israelites’ needs in the wilderness. What a Provider He is!

**vs. 5-6** Are we aware of the fact that God will chasten us because He cares passionately about our well being and will discipline us when we’re out of line? I fear that we don’t fear the Lord these days. Somehow, we think we can hide our carnality. But our Father loves us so much He won’t let us go on a path that will be destructive to us. He’ll discipline and chasten us when we’re out of line.

**v. 7-9** All of this testing and proving and chastening was for a purpose: to bring the children of Israel into a land of honey and olive oil, of pomegranates and blessing. And such is the Lord’s desire for you: to bring you into the wonderful land of the Spirit-filled life that He has planned and prepared for you personally.

**v. 10** When you’ve eaten until you’re full, make sure you give thanks to the One who has taken such good care of you.

### APPLICATION

**25 – We are to make no compromise with the flesh or with the things of the world! We are not to covet anything that is not of God. It will be a snare to us and an abomination to our God!**

**26 – We are to utterly abhor – detest – hold in revulsion anything that is abominable to God!**

**1 – We must be careful to observe – to do! God’s blessings will follow!**

**2 – We’re to remember all past testing and trials, which we received to humble and to test ourselves – to see whether we would continue to obey God or not.**

**3 – God used hunger to humble the Israelites. What has He and what is He using to humble you?**

**4 – Because of God’s awesome provision, their wilderness journey was not wearing. Is your life journey waring on you? It will be wearing if there is not obedience to His word!**

**5 – Note the important words, and their order – “As” and “So” God’s correction is as the love of a father for his son! As parents for their children. God’s chastening is not punitive.**

**6 – Therefore after all the instruction we are to keep His commandments; to walk in His ways and to fear Him. How are you doing in each of these areas?**

**7 – Water is so important. Notice the emphasis on it. Also that the land is good. Are you thankful for the water of life? And the good life that God gives to His obedient children.**

**8 & 9 – God promised a fruitful life in all areas. No scarcity.**

**10 – First warning sign when you become prosperous – forgetting to be thankful!**

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*Deu 8:11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today,  
Deu 8:12 lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them;  
Deu 8:13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;  
Deu 8:14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;  
Deu 8:15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock;  
Deu 8:16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—  
Deu 8:17 then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'  
Deu 8:18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.  
Deu 8:19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.  
Deu 8:20 As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.*

### INTERPRETATION

**Vs 11-18. 15** “The time to engage in worship, to be a man or woman of prayer, to be a student of the Scriptures, to remember how good God has been is when you’re in the Promised Land,” Moses reminds the people. And yet the irony is, it is when people prosper that they often drift away. They don’t have time for the Lord. Their passion diminishes. Their devotion decreases. They begin to say, “It is my hard work which has allowed me to have that ski boat or this vacation home. And I’ve got to maintain it, so I don’t have time to serve the Lord.”

**vs. 19-20** Was there ever a time when you were serving the Lord more diligently and more consistently than you are today? If your answer is yes, I plead with you to take this passage to heart, for if you do not, you’ll perish. Oh, maybe not physically—but your marriage will diminish; your family will diminish; your joy will diminish. Your life will get smaller and smaller. On the other hand, when you say, “God’s been good to me. Therefore, I’m going to learn His ways, give Him praise, and serve Him with all of my heart and soul, mind and strength”—you’ll find yourself truly blessed in every way.

### APPLICATION

**11 – Beware – the second sign! Discontinuing obedience. Beginning to compromise! Feeling of being on the side of God’s commandments is no longer required. We can do it on our own. Do you ever feel that way?**  
**12-13 – Lest – when you have eaten and are full; have beautiful houses; have become wealthy and have seen that all you have is multiplied --- You become prideful!!!**  
**14 & 15 – You take all the credit. Because of your pride you forget what the Lord has done.**  
**16 – We also tend to forget who we were and where we were before He saved us!**  
**17 – We give credit to our hard work and our planning for our blessings, failing to rightfully give all credit to the Lord!**  
**18 – Remember – an important word here! We are to remember who gives us wealth and all provision.**  
**19 – We shall surely perish if we forget God and go after other gods!!!**  
**20 – Through unbelief and idolatry, we will have the same fate as the Caananite nations who were destroyed!**

**Summary - Israel was commanded to keep all the commandments. We can’t completely do that, certainly not in our own strength! Only Jesus Christ was able to do that! But we can, knowing who God is enables us to act towards Him rightlv. And because of our great love for Him, and by the leading of the Holy Spirit, we can become more and more Christ like! God is so good – all the time! He’s good; we’re not!!**