

DEUTRONOMY CHAPTERS 11-12 - Love and Obedience Rewarded; A Prescribed Place of Worship; Beware of False Gods

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Love and Obedience Rewarded:

(1-7) Remember the ways God has already blessed.

Deu 11:1 "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.

Deu 11:2 Know today that I do not speak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the LORD your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm—

Deu 11:3 His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land;

Deu 11:4 what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and their chariots: how He made the waters of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day;

Deu 11:5 what He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

Deu 11:6 and what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel—

Deu 11:7 but your eyes have seen every great act of the LORD which He did.

Dt. 11:12 “a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.”

Iranian commander warns there are 100,000 missiles ready to strike Israel -Published July 04, 2016; July 16, 2010: Hossein Salami, deputy head of Iran's Revolutionary Guard. (Reuters)

The deputy commander of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard declared Friday that there are tens of thousands of missiles in Lebanon ready to strike Israel.

"Hezbollah has 100,000 missiles that are ready to hit Israel to liberate the occupied Palestinian territories if the Zionist regime repeats its past mistakes," Gen. Hossein Salami was quoted as saying by Tasnim, according to Reuters.

The Jerusalem Post reported that Salami warned that Israel's occupied territories could come under attack if they make the "wrong move."

"Today, the grounds for the annihilation and collapse of the Zionist regime are (present) more than ever," he said.

Rouhani spoke as tens of thousands of Iranians joined in an anti-Israel rally to express support for the Palestinians. The demonstrators shouted "Death to Israel" and "Death to America" and while they burned an Israeli flag.

"The Zionist regime (Israel) is a regional base for America and the global arrogance ... Disunity and discord among Muslim and terrorist groups in the region ... have diverted us from the important issue of Palestine," Rouhani added.

v. 1 Because God has blessed you, multiplied you, prospered you, taken care of you... Moses continues in his farewell address to Israel...Note the importance of love and it's connection to obedience.

vs. 2-7 “I’m not talking to your children, I’m talking to you who have seen the mighty hand of God, the outstretched arm of the Lord,” Moses says. “You were the ones who saw what *“He did”* (5X in this passage) when He parted the Red Sea and drowned the armies of Pharaoh miraculously. You are the ones who saw how He took care of the rebellions in the wilderness, how He conquered your enemies, how He was there every step of the way day by day. You saw what the Lord has done. I’m talking to you who have been blessed, who know the truth, who have seen the work of the Lord.” It’s interesting that Moses would address this to the adults, to those who had seen so much, who know a lot because, as adults, we have a tendency to say, “I hope my kids heard that sermon,” It’s not about learning something to pass on to our kids, but about applying it to our own lives.. Moses recounts some of the great and awesome works of God which their eyes had seen. What our eyes have seen, especially in our early days, should affect us, and make us better long afterwards.

America The Beautiful - Katharine Lee Bates (August 12, 1859 – March 28, 1929) was an American songwriter. She is remembered as the author of the words to the anthem "America the Beautiful."

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown
thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown
thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.*

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD – Edward Hatch - Festival Choir

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou
wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.
of Thine eternity.*

How to be blessed:

(vs. 1-7) Remember the ways God has already blessed.

His signs and His acts to Pharaoh

What He did to the army of Egypt

What He did in the wilderness for 40 years

What He did to Dathan and Abiram when had envied Moses & Aaron

“But your eyes have seen every great act of the LORD

Observe the connection of these two; You shall love the Lord, and keep His charge. Love will work in obedience, and that only is acceptable obedience which flows from a principle of love, 1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Application: How has the Lord blessed you? Are you thanking Him for His faithfulness in every prayer? Do you see how that every commandment given to us by the Lord is out of His great compassion and love for us?

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(8-15) Blessings in the new land.

Deu 11:8 "Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, Deu 11:9 and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Deu 11:10 For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; Deu 11:11 but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,

Deu 11:12 a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

Deu 11:13 'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deu 11:14 then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

Deu 11:15 And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'

(16-17) The danger of blessing: Turning from God in times of prosperity.

Deu 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them,

Deu 11:17 lest the LORD's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

(18-21) Blessing is gained by keeping the Word of God always before you.

Deu 11:18 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

vs. 10-12 “Be strong,” Moses said. “Keep the commandments that you may take the land God has laid before you. And, unlike Egypt, the land is a great land.” The Egyptians were a sophisticated and mighty civilization, but the land is very dry - less than one inch of rain per year. The only way Egypt could prosper was by taking water out of the Nile and irrigating sections around the river that would provide the agricultural base for their civilization. **They would use foot pumps-(by their own sweat/labor). Day after day, perpetually, exhaustingly, continually they would have to pump water out of the Nile into the fields in order that their crops might grow. It was hard work.** Moses said, “The land you’re going to is not like that. The Lord keeps His eye upon this land and sends rain. You don’t have to sweat to see the water flow.” *Zec 14:17-18 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. [18] If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.*

vs. 13-15 “latter rain” also appears in Jer. 5, Hosea 6, Joel 2, and James 5 “There’s coming a time,” the Lord says, “when I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.” (Joel 2:28) We are already seeing the beginning of a wonderful last day’s outpouring, where people are being filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. But it’s only the beginning. The Lord wants to save souls and bring in a huge harvest in these last days. And He’s going to empower us to an even greater degree. But it’s not going to come through the Egyptian methodology—where we pump it up. In some meetings where there is an attempt to get people worked up, pumped up through fervor and emotion. The latter rain is not something we pump up emotionally, but that which the Lord pours out upon those who simply love Him and give themselves in service to Him. “You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you to be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth,” Jesus said (Acts 1:8). Power is given for the purpose of service. The Lord will pour out His Spirit in order that we might be His witnesses.

vs. 16-17 Although the Lord pours out His Spirit to those who give themselves to serve Him, the outpouring will cease if we turn aside and serve the gods of our hobbies, our desires, our flesh. Once I start serving these gods, the heavens are shut up and my soul gets dry. **Elijah—he who called down fire from heaven—stormed into wicked King Ahab’s court and said, “Be it known unto you, it shall not rain these years but according to my word.” And indeed it didn’t rain for over three years (1 Kings 17-18).** James tells us that although Elijah was a man just like you and me, he knew how to pray (James 5:17). Therefore, he evidently knew this text, for Jesus said if His words abide *v. 18* Although the Jews took this literally by wearing phylacteries, or boxes, on their wrists or foreheads containing the Shema (Dt. 6:4), that’s not what Moses meant. The idea is to keep the Word close at hand and between your eyes, in your mind.

(vs. 8-15) Blessings in the new land.

Because of His faithfulness, therefore you shall keep every commandment. Why? That you may be strong and go in and possess the Promised Land!

vs. 10-11 The new land is much better than that of Egypt, whose Nile Delta was envied as the most productive land on earth.

But in the flat land of Egypt the water from the Nile had to be “watered by foot” (human power). In the Promised Land, there will be hills and valleys watered by the Lord.

Two times per years – the early rains and the latter rains – needed at critical times of the crops, the Lord would provide the water needed, provided the children of Israel were obedient to His commands. “I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.”

**Weight of 1" of rain over 1 sq. mile:
gallons- 16,373,913,600 tons- 68,361,089**

v. 12 Note that the Lord cares for Israel and His eyes are always on it!

(vs. 16-17) The danger of blessing: Turning from God in times of prosperity.

But if their hearts were deceived and they turned aside and served other gods, then the anger of the Lord would be aroused. “There would be no rain and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.”

So at least twice a years the nation would be vividly reminded of their necessity of being obedient to the Lord!

Application: Noting that blessings always follow obedience to the Lord, *Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them*, how is your level of heeding the Word of God right now?

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Deu 11:19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
Deu 11:20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,
Deu 11:21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

(22-25) The promise of blessing.

Deu 11:22 "For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast (cleave) to Him—

Deu 11:23 then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves.

Deu 11:24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory.

Deu 11:25 No man shall be able to stand against you; the LORD your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.

(26-28) The choice: Blessing or cursing?

Deu 11:26 "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:

Deu 11:27 the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today;

Deu 11:28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

(29-32) Making the choice known unto the people.

Deu 11:29 Now it shall be, when the LORD your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

Deu 11:30 Are they not on the other side of the Jordan, toward the setting sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the plain opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinth trees of Moreh?

Deu 11:31 For you will cross over the Jordan and go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and you will possess it and dwell in it.

Deu 11:32 And you shall be careful to observe all the statutes and judgments which I set before you today.

A Prescribed Place of Worship;

(1-4) The command to destroy Canaanite places of worship. be pure.

Deu 12:1 "These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth.

Deu 12:2 You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

INTERPRETATION

v. 19 We need to teach our children the things of God. We might think our kids aren't aware of what we're telling them. But your son, daughter, or grandchild is taking in a lot more than you know. So use every opportunity to expand their knowledge of the Word, of God's kingdom, of the ways of the Lord. Note: Is there concern for our children in the US now? In 2014 total federal compensation averaged \$119,934, (about 22 million workers) or 78 percent more than the private-sector average of \$67,246. Who will be paying for these huge increase in benefits?

v. 21 The great principle of their occupancy of the land is given here.

vs. 22-23 "We say there are so many problems in our house." The Lord says, "If you love Me and do what I tell you to, I will drive out the forces causing those problems." When you love the Lord and keep His Word at the front door, close at hand, and between your eyes; when you teach your kids what God will do, He promises to drive out the enemy that would otherwise drive you crazy.

v.24 Every place on which the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours. Although the children of Israel would take control of about one tenth of what God intended for them, this description is of a huge amount of territory—all the way to present-day Iraq and Iran. God is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or even think," Paul tells us (Eph. 3:20). So take a step of faith. Believe the Lord. Obey His commands. Claim the territory He's already declared would be yours—for your kids, your family, your service for Him. God wants to do so much for us. Let's go for it.

vs. 25-32 In Joshua 8, we'll see half of the tribes of the children of Israel on Mount Gerizim, the other half on Mount Ebal with Joshua and the priests and Levites in the valley between. Joshua will say a certain commandment to which was attached a blessing, and all the tribes on Mt. Gerizim will say, "Amen!" Then he will give a command with a curse—something which they're not to do—and those on Mt. Ebal will also say, "Amen!" In so doing, the nation of Israel will acknowledge that if they obey God, they shall put the blessing on Gerizim. It was on Mt. Ebal that sacrifice was to be made. Joshua is, of course, a picture of Jesus. Where is Jesus right now? Between two mountains. He's already been on the mountain of cursing, where He who knew no sin was made sin for us as He hung on the Cross of Calvary (2 Corinthians 5:21). But He's coming back to another mountain—the Mount of Olives, which will split in two when He returns as the Prince of Peace (Zechariah 14:4). Wait until Jesus gets back. Oh, we're blessed right now without question, but the Mount of Olives tells me the best is yet to come. When you read these blessings and promises, realize that, although they apply to you, to your marriage, to your family, to your ministry—the best is yet to come

vs. 1-4 The reason the judgments of God came upon Israel, one after the other in the times of the judges, was because the people had lapsed into idolatry. Then that great prophet Elijah leveled his message against idolatry in the land. The reason Israel went into the Babylonian captivity was idolatry. The warning in the last book of the Old Testament is about the danger of idolatry.

APPLICATION

(vs. 18-21) Blessing is gained by keeping the Word of God always before you.

Remind yourselves to keep God's word – *lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*

v. 20 It's good to have Scripture verses around our houses:

Prov. 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Hudson Taylor said it's not the energy of faith on the mission field that is important but to cleave (to hold fast) to the faithful God of the mission field!

Teach God's word to your children! Not much attention is being given to this in today's culture!

Application: How are you reminding yourself of God's Word. How are you teaching it to your children?

The Choice. – "You win or lose by the way you choose"!!

(vs. 22-25) The promise of blessing. Does our God send anyone to hell – NO, it your choice?

Story of Golden Plover – never has to make a choice! But man has that capacity! For there to be a genuine capacity to love there has to be a choice!

If we carefully keep all these commandments – [22b] *to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—[23] then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves. [24] Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory. [25] No man shall be able to stand against you;*

The territory, is there, all you have to do is go in and possess it, and every place you put the sole of your foot, that's yours. So, again **the likeness of our going in and possessing this life in the Spirit that God has promised. As we conquer over the areas of the flesh. As we bring them to the cross. Every place we put our foot, God has given to us. The sole of the foot tread, I claim that in the name of Jesus. Lord, I don't have to be ruled by that area of my flesh any longer. I take now, and claim that area in Jesus' name. And every place I go in and take, God destroys the enemy, and He gives me the victory.** (vs. 26-28) The choice: Blessing through obedience or cursing through disobedience?

Application: Which do you choose? How aware of this choice are you in your life right now? Those around you? (vs. 29-32) Making the choice known unto the people. Blessings called out on Mt. Gerizim, Amen? (fruitful harvest, abundance) & cursings called out on Mt. Ebal (bald, barrenness).

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Deu 12:3-4 And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. [4 You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things.

(5-9) The command to worship at God's appointed place.

Deu 12:5 "But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.

Deu 12:6 There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

Deu 12:7 And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

Deu 12:8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes—

Deu 12:9 for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you.

(10-14) The joy of real worship in God's appointed place.

Deu 12:10 But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety,

Deu 12:11 then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD.

Deu 12:12 And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

Deu 12:13 Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see;

Deu 12:14 but in the place which the LORD chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

B. The practice of worship. - (15-28) Things permitted and prohibited - *Deu 12:15 "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike.*

Deu 12:16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water.

Deu 12:17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or your new wine or your oil, of the firstborn of your herd or your flock, of any of your offerings which you vow, of your freewill offerings, or of the heave offering of your hand.

Deu 12:18 But you must eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God chooses, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite

INTERPRETATION

We should not think we are immune to idolatry today. We tend to think we are such enlightened folk that we would not fall down and worship an idol. Can we be so sure about that, friends? Anything, *anything* that comes between our souls and God becomes an idol. Business, position, advancements—they can easily become our idol, our god. Anything that comes between your soul and your God is your idol. NOTICE PLURALS!

v. 5 Eventually, the designated place was Jerusalem. But even before that, Israel was to worship in one place only. There was to be one place for their burnt offerings, sacrifices, tithes, and vows. The tithes of food which they brought before the Lord had to be eaten in this one place.

vs. 6-7 It is to JESUS the believer must bring all his offerings. He alone sanctifies both the gift and the giver. In His name he rejoices all the day. *Mat 23:19; Psa 89:16.*

vs. 8-11 Is not this typical of the striking distinction between a state of nature and a state of grace? Before a sinner hath found rest to his soul, he is doing after the things which appear right in his own eyes. But when he hath found him who is the Rest, wherewith he causes the weary to rest, then he is freed from the apprehension of his enemies triumphing over him, and all his views of strength and rest in JESUS, are found in him and presented in him. *Isa 28:12; Mat 11:28-29.*

v. 12 They that can rejoice in CHRIST, will always find cause to rejoice before CHRIST. *2Co 2:14.*

v. 13-14 So important a thing was it to have an eye to this one spot for offerings, that it is here repeated again. And what could this refer to but JESUS? Reader! do not overlook this, unless JESUS be in every presentation of our persons or services, our offering is too polluted and our nature too defiled to find acceptance before GOD. Dear LORD! be thou the all in all, in every prayer of mine, whether morning, noon, mid-day, or evening oblation! *Col 3:11.*

vs. 15-16 There was also food which they ate at home. This was not a part of their worship, but this, too, was regulated by dietary laws. In Chapter 14 we will find an extensive list of clean and unclean animals. A person did not need to be ceremonially clean to be able to eat at home. Also, in addition to the animals which were sacrificial animals, he could eat wild game so long as it was a clean animal. The stipulation given was that the blood was not to be eaten. In contrast, anything that was an offering to the Lord had to be eaten before the Lord in the one place which God would designate.

vs. 17-18 It is worthy observation, what attention is shown, in the appointment of every religious rite, to the place of offering. And the reason is plain. It is JESUS, as the sum and substance of all which is referred to. In him every service had its fulfillment, to him all pointed, and from him the whole efficacy was derived. Blessed Redeemer! may I never lose sight of thee in all places, in all thy churches, in all thine ordinances, in all thy ways and works! And do thou dearest LORD be in my heart and the heart of all thy people, the hope and only hope of glory! *Col 1:27.*

APPLICATION

Chap 12 - THE WORSHIP GOD COMMANDS

The place of worship.

(vs. 1-4) The command to destroy Canaanite places of worship. Upon entry to the land, the children of Israel were to *destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place.*

(vs. 5-9) The command to worship at God's appointed place. *you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.*

(vs. 10-14) The joy of real worship in God's appointed place. *There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD.* **Deu 12:12 And you shall rejoice** (VS. 7, 12, 18 – ARE YOU REJOICING?) *before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.*

Application: – ARE YOU REJOICING?) *before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, - as you worship Him in Spirit and in truth?*

The practice of worship.

(vs. 15-28) Things permitted and prohibited in regard to butchering animals, sacrificing animals, and respecting the sanctity of blood. *Deu 12:15 "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike.* **Deu 12:16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water.**

DEUTRONOMY CHAPTERS 11-12 - Love and Obedience Rewarded; A Prescribed Place of Worship; Beware of False Gods

OBSERVATION

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who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all to which you put your hands.

Deu 12:19 Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.

Deu 12:20 "When the LORD your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'Let me eat meat,' because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires.

Deu 12:21 If the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd and from your flock which the LORD has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your gates as much as your heart desires.

Deu 12:22 Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you may eat them; the unclean and the clean alike may eat them.

Deu 12:23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life; you may not eat the life with the meat.

Deu 12:24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth like water.

Deu 12:25 You shall not eat it, that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD.

Deu 12:26 Only the holy things which you have, and your vowed offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD chooses.

Deu 12:27 And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, and you shall eat the meat.

Deu 12:28 Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Beware of False Gods - (29-32) The worship of God must be pure!

Deu 12:29 "When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land,

Deu 12:30 take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'

Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deu 12:32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it

INTERPRETATION

v. 19 *Forsake not the Levite* - These had no inheritance, and were to live by the sanctuary: if therefore the offerings were withheld by which the Levites were supported, they of course must perish. Those who have devoted themselves to the service of God in ministering to the salvation of the souls of men, should certainly be furnished at least with all the necessities of life. Those who withhold this from them sin against their own mercies, and that ordinance of God by which a ministry is established for the salvation of souls.

v. 20-22 The same observation meets us here as before, only with this addition, that as from its importance it is again repeated, our attention and regard to it should be but the more increased. If from the renewal of it the LORD JESUS becomes more dear, sweet is the exhortation how often repeated, which under GOD'S grace induces this effect.

vs. 23 -28 When Cain killed Abel, God said, "The blood of your brother cries out" (*Gen. 4:10*). Today, with the sophistication of DNA testing, in murder cases, for example we hear blood literally crying out. Ultimately, of course, this doesn't speak of the blood that cries out, "Guilty," but of the blood that cries out "Forgiven!"—the blood of Jesus Christ. How grateful I am that I can come to Communion; that I can take of the cup, drink of the blood, and know that my sins are washed away. **Cf. Lev. 17:10-11**

vs. 29-31 Moses tells the Israelites that if they became entangled in the worship of the gods of the people God destroyed, they themselves would be destroyed.

They are told over and over again that they are to destroy the nations which are in the land so that they do not become ensnared by them. These nations were idolatrous. In the worship of Baal, as in the worship of many pagan religions, they had that most cruel practice of offering their own children. They would heat an idol red-hot and then drop their babies into the arms of this red-hot idol. I can't think of anything more horrible than that. God says He hates such a practice. It is an abomination to Him. I find that God hates many things that I hate. I hope that I can learn more and more to hate what He hates and love what He loves.

v. 32 They are to give heed to these commandments which the Lord gives them. If they disobey God, God will treat them as He treats the other nations. God doesn't watch the actions of some people and disregard others. I have never understood why some Christians think they can get by with certain things that other people do not get by with. Sin is sin. If Israel does not obey the Lord, she will not be spared. So the encouragement for them is to observe to do what the Lord commands them.

APPLICATION

Deu 12:28 Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Application: The vertical determines the horizontal! Never the other way around!

(vs. 29-32) The worship of God must be pure. *Deu 12:30 take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'*

Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. (The most dangerous place for a person in this country, is an unborn child in it's mother's womb!)

Deu 12:32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it. (not to diminish)

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Deu 11:10 For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden;



vs. 10-11 The new land is much better than that of Egypt, whose Nile Delta was envied as the most productive land on earth.

But in the flat land of Egypt the water from the Nile had to be “watered by foot” (human power).

In the Promised Land, there will be hills and valleys watered by the Lord.

Two times per years – the early rains and the latter rains – needed at critical times of the crops, the Lord would provide the water needed, provided the children of Israel were obedient to His commands. *“I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.”*

Weight of 1" of rain over 1 sq. mile:

gallons- 16,373,913,600 tons- 68,361,089

Deu 11:14-17 then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. [15] And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.' [16] Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, [17] lest the LORD's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

Twice a year the whole Nation will be able to see if they are obeying the Lord or not. By the way the latter rains pretty much disappeared for about 1900 years, but since 1948, they have begun again!