



Sowing the Word



"For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'"

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Deuteronomy 14-15 **July 1st-7th, 2010**

*So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading.
(Nehemiah 8:8)*

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Helpful Study Resource:

Explore the Book by J. Sidlow Baxter

Online Help:

Deuteronomy: The Law that Delivers by Ray C. Stedman

<http://www.pbc.org/files/messages/2992/0205.html>

http://preceptaustin.org/deuteronomy_commentaries.htm

Commentary:

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this booklet is:

With the Word Bible Commentary

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1. What are the main things that happen in Deuteronomy 14?
2. What is God showing you in this chapter?

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Friday, July 2nd, 2010

Passage for today: Deuteronomy 15

Thru the Bible Reading: Isaiah 61-62

1. What are the main things that happen in Deuteronomy 15?
2. What is God showing you in this chapter?

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Sunday, July 4th, 2010

Passage for today: **Deuteronomy 15**

Thru the Bible Reading: Isaiah 65-66

1. This is your second reading of this chapter during this week. What did you see this time that did not stick out to you last time?
2. What is God showing you in this chapter?

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Passage for today: Deuteronomy 14
Thru the Bible Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1-2

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Passage for today: Deuteronomy 15
Thru the Bible Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3

1. This is now the third reading of this chapter during this week. What did you see this time that did not stick out to you last time?
2. What is God showing you in this chapter?

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1. What has come together for you in these two chapters as you read this week?
2. What questions do you have that remain?
3. What is the main thing God is showing you in these chapters?

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With the Word Bible Commentary

Deuteronomy 14

The children of the Lord must not be like the people of the world. The basic meaning of the Hebrew word translated “holy” is “to be different.” God’s people are different.

Although the Jewish dietary code does not apply to God’s people today (1 Tim. 4:1–5), the spiritual principle remains: we must be a separated and obedient people. The lists of “clean” and “unclean” foods were reminders that the people must learn to distinguish between what God accepts and what He rejects. Review Leviticus 11:41–47.

We should glorify God in what we receive and also in what we give (vv. 22–29). A tithe was 10 percent of the produce, which could be used as a sacrifice for joyful feasting before the Lord. A special tithe every third year supported the Levites and helped the poor.

In our receiving and in our giving, we should glorify God and joyfully serve Him. (See 1 Cor. 10:31.)

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Deuteronomy 15

The blessing of God ought to motivate us to be a blessing and a help to others. Note how often Moses mentions the blessing of God (vv. 4, 6, 10, 14, 18). God has opened His hand generously to us, and we should open our hands widely to others (v. 8). He blesses us so that we might be a blessing (Gen. 12:2).

Not only must we have generous hands, but we should cultivate glad hearts as we share (v. 10). Giving is an occasion not for shrewd calculation (v. 9) but for jubilation! Paul may have had this verse in mind when he wrote “not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).

The greatest gift of all is the gift of ourselves because we love one another (vv. 16–17). First we give ourselves to the Lord (Rom. 12:1–2) and then to one another in loving service (2 Cor. 8:1–5). There is plenty of room in “The Fellowship of the Pierced Ear.”

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***“And the Lord thy God shall bless
thee in all that thou doest.”***

Deuteronomy 15:18

Written by: C. H. Spurgeon

Taken from: *Faith's Checkbook*

AN Israelitish master was to give his bond-servant liberty in due time, and when he left his service he was to start him in life with a liberal portion. This was to be done heartily and cheerfully, and then the Lord promised to bless the generous act. The spirit of this precept, and, indeed, the whole law of Christ, binds us to treat work people well. We ought to remember how the Lord has dealt with us and that this renders it absolutely needful that we should deal graciously with others. It becomes those to be generous who are the children of a gracious God. How can we expect our great Master to bless us in our business if we oppress those who serve us? What a benediction is here set before the liberal mind! To be blessed in all that we do is to be blessed indeed. The Lord will send us this partly in prosperity, partly in content of mind, and partly in a sense of His favor, which is the best of all blessings. He can make us feel that we are under His special care and are surrounded by His peculiar love. This makes this earthly life a joyous prelude to the life to come. God's blessing is more than a fortune. It maketh rich and addeth no sorrow therewith.