



Sowing the Word

*"You shall follow what is altogether **just**, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you."*

Deuteronomy



Deuteronomy 16-18

July 8th-14th, 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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With the Word Bible Commentary

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Daily Bible Study

Thursday, July 8th, 2010

Passage for today: Deuteronomy 16
Thru the Bible Reading: Jeremiah 1-2

1. What are the main things that happen in Deuteronomy 16?
2. What is God showing you in this chapter?

Friday, July 9th, 2010

Passage for today: **Deuteronomy 17**

Thru the Bible Reading: Jeremiah 3-4

1. What are the main things that happen in Deuteronomy 17?
2. What is God showing you in this chapter?

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Passage for today: **Deuteronomy 16**

Thru the Bible Reading: Jeremiah 7-8

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 17
Thru the Bible Reading: Jeremiah 9-10

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Passage for today: Deuteronomy 18
Thru the Bible Reading: Jeremiah 11-12

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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With the Word Bible Commentary

Deuteronomy 16

From the seven feasts on the Jewish calendar (Lev. 23), Moses selected three to emphasize, and they bear a message to the believer today.

Passover (1–8) looks to the past and reminds us that we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God (John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18–19). Redemption brings responsibility: feeding on the Lamb and removing from our lives all things that are wrong. (See 1 Cor. 5:1–8).

Pentecost (9–12) speaks of renewal and the coming of the Spirit of God to His people (Acts 2). It is a harvest festival that calls us to enter into His service and help reap the harvest (Luke 10:2; John 4:33–38; Acts 1:8).

Tabernacles (13–17) reminded the Jews that they had lived in booths as a pilgrim people in the wilderness. We are “sojourners and pilgrims” in this world (1 Pet. 2:11) and must not get too settled down. Tabernacles also looks to the future kingdom that God has promised His people when their pilgrim journey is ended.

We need these three reminders today, lest we forget our redemption responsibilities.

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Presumption. God's Word reveals God's will and we must not go beyond what God permits. To transgress (v. 2) means to "cross the line," which is presumptuous sin. God says, "Thus far and no farther!" and we must obey. That obedience applied to sentences of judgment (vv. 8–13). The sinner who challenged the judgment of God's appointed leaders was destined to die. "Hear and fear!"

Pride. Israel did ask for a king, and God gave them Saul (1 Sam. 8–10). We do not know whether he obeyed (vv. 18–20), but we do know that he failed to obey God's will (1 Sam. 15). His successor David was a man of God's Word, but David's son Solomon committed all of the sins named in verses 16–17 (1 Kings 10–11). There was great prosperity for a time, but then the nation divided and turned from God.

Common citizens, priests, judges, and kings—all had an obligation to submit to God's Word and obey it. The higher the position, the greater the responsibility. "Hear and fear!"

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God's people should be a generous people (vv. 1–8), sharing what they have with those who serve (1 Cor. 9:1–14; 3 John 5–8). The priests and Levites depended on the sacrifices and the tithes for their sustenance, and an unfaithful people meant neglected servants. (See Neh. 13:10–14.)

They should also be a separated people (vv. 9–14). This is one of the strongest warnings in Scripture against occult practices, and it must be heeded today. Israel did not obey this command, and the land was defiled and the nation destroyed.

God's people must be a discerning people (vv. 15–22), listening to the Word, receiving it and obeying it. The Prophet mentioned here is Jesus Christ (Acts 3:18–23), but when He came, they did not recognize Him or receive Him (John 1:10–11; 5:43). The mark of a true prophet is that everything predicted comes to pass. The prophet is not 75 percent correct, but 100 percent correct!

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