

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 26 – Revealing False Prophets Through Judging A False Witness (Deuteronomy 13-19)

1. If a prophet or dreamer instructed the children of Israel to follow other gods, were they supposed to listen to them?
 - No, they were to follow the Lord with all their hearts during those tests of their faith. They were only to obey the voice of God (**Deuteronomy 13:1-4**).
2. What was to be done with those false prophets?
 - They were to be put to death (**Deuteronomy 13:5**).
3. What was to be done with a family member that would try to lead one astray?
 - They were not supposed to follow them. Then that family member was to be stoned to death with the first hand laid upon them being that of the one who that family member tried to entice into error (**Deuteronomy 13:6-10**).
4. What was to be done if a group of people were lead away into another city to practice idolatry?
 - After diligent inquiry, they were to smite the inhabitants of that city with the sword and burn the spoils in the midst of the street (**Deuteronomy 13:12-16**).
5. Were the children of Israel expected to tithe from all of the increase brought through their fields year by year?
 - Yes, (**Deuteronomy 14:22**).
6. Who would benefit from the tithes brought within the gates every three years?
 - *“At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: And **the Levite**, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and **the stranger**, and **the fatherless**, and **the widow**, which are **within thy gates**, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest”* (**Deuteronomy 14:28-29**).
7. What two exceptions were there concerning the forgiveness of debts every seven years?
 - *“At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the Lord's release. **Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release; Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall greatly bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it”*** (**Deuteronomy 15:1-4**).
 - However, it does not appear there would ever be a time when there were no poor among them (**Deuteronomy 15:11**).
8. When a Hebrew slave was released, were they supposed to be released without any possessions?
 - No, the slave was to receive possessions upon release (**Deuteronomy 15:12-15**).

9. Was a slave permitted to continue to be a slave after seven years?
- Yes, if they so chose (**Deuteronomy 15:16-17**).
10. What were all the males expected to do three times per year?
- *“Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee”* (**Deuteronomy 16:16-17**).
11. Were the children of God expected to be fair in judgment?
- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 16:19**).
12. What was to be done if the children of Israel found any man or woman within their gates that had wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord, in transgressing his covenant?
- *“If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his covenant, And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die”* (**Deuteronomy 17:2-5**).
13. How many witnesses against a sinner were required to practice capital punishment?
- Two, (**Deuteronomy 17:6-7**; cf. **John 8:17**).
 - The same is true in practicing discipline today (**Matthew 18:15-17**).
14. What was to be done if the children of Israel could not come to a judgment in a matter of controversy?
- *“If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the Lord thy God shall choose; And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment: And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the Lord shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left”* (**Deuteronomy 17:8-11**).
15. What was to happen to the one who would not hearken unto the authority of the priest or judge?

- *“And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously” (Deuteronomy 17:12-13).*

16. When the children of Israel would appoint a king because of their own desires (influenced by the nations around them), would that king create his own laws?

- No, he was expected to follow God’s law not departing to the right or left (**Deuteronomy 17:14-20**).

17. How does the Lord feel about witches, charmers, those who consult with familiar spirits, wizards, or necromancers [one who calls up the dead]?

- They are an abomination to Him (**Deuteronomy 18:9-12**).

18. Did God want Israel to be perfect?

- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 18:13**).

19. Who is Moses talking about in Deuteronomy 18:15; 18-19 (you’ll have to think outside of the context to answer this question)?

- Jesus (**Acts 3:20-26**).

20. Were prophets allowed to speak whatever they wanted to the people?

- No, (**Deuteronomy 18:20-22**; cf. **II Peter 1:20-21**).

21. Did the Lord want innocent blood shed in the land?

- No, (**Deuteronomy 19:9-10**).

22. Was a city of refuge a safe haven for a criminal to hide?

- No, a true criminal would be found and delivered to judgment (**Deuteronomy 19:11-13**).

23. If a person wanted to increase his land, could he just move his neighbor’s landmark?

- No, (**Deuteronomy 19:14**).

24. Were false witnesses expected to be judged under the Law of Moses?

- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 19:16-21**; cf. **Proverbs 19:5**).