

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 25 – The Command To Conquer Canaan Through Review Of Idolatry (Deuteronomy 7-12)

1. Who would really bring the children of Israel into the land of Canaan?
 - God would deliver the greater and mightier nations to the children of Israel (**Deuteronomy 7:1**; cf. **Leviticus 25:38**).
2. Were the children of Israel supposed to have marriages with the people they were to conquer?
 - No, they were to destroy and have no relationships with them (**Deuteronomy 7:2-4**).
3. What was to be done to the idols in the land of Canaan?
 - They were to be destroyed (**Deuteronomy 7:5**).
4. How special was God's relationship with Israel?
 - The children of Israel were not chosen because of their greatness, but because He loved them and would keep the promises He made to their fathers. As long as they obeyed Him, He'd be faithful to them, merciful, and would keep His covenant. Moreover, He will repay those that hate Israel. They would have wealth and good health prospering in all ways. Their enemies should not have been feared as God would have them destroy all no matter how great that nation was. All of the blessings of God were contingent on their continued obedience (**Deuteronomy 7:7-26**).
5. Name two reasons God led them to wander forty years in the wilderness:
 - To be humbled (**Deuteronomy 8:2**).
 - To test them to know whether or not they would keep the Lord's commandments (**Deuteronomy 8:2**).
6. If you think about Jesus being tempted by the devil, why does Deuteronomy 8:3 sound familiar?
 - **Matthew 4:2-4** and **Luke 4:2-4**
7. When you read Deuteronomy 8:4-20, what should Israel have learned from that context and what should we learn as well?
 - Israel should have learned that God took care of them. They did not go without what they needed even when being punished in the wilderness. He treated them as a Father does His children in correcting them. He wanted Israel to remember this as they are going to go forward. They needed to realize that He would be a Father unto them, but would judge them as well. They needed to realize that God would take care of them, but they had to do their parts.
 - We should realize we need correction from our Father and that He will bless us if we continue in His word (**Matthew 6:24-34** and **Hebrews 12:5-11**).
8. Were the children of Israel brought into the land of Canaan because of their righteousness?
 - No, this stiff-necked people should not think within their hearts that their own righteousness brought them to Canaan (**Deuteronomy 9:4-6**).

9. As Moses was reminding the children of Israel of their past failures, how long did he state that Israel had been rebellious?

- From the day that he knew them (**Deuteronomy 9:24**).

10. What did God require of Israel?

- *“And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good”* (**Deuteronomy 10:12-13**)?

11. Explain Deuteronomy 10:16.

- The children of Israel were expected to remove the covering from their hearts and to no longer be stubborn (cf. **Acts 7:51**).

12. How often should the children of Israel have loved God, kept his statutes, kept His judgments, and kept His commandments?

- Always (**Deuteronomy 11:1**).

13. What are some things, mentioned in the context of our current study which Israel did see, that should have kept them obedient?

- *“And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm, And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land; And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord hath destroyed them unto this day; And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place; And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel: But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did. Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it”* (**Deuteronomy 11:2-8**).

14. Was the land promised to Israel going to be better than Egypt?

- Yes, if they obeyed God (**Deuteronomy 11:9-15**).

15. Who was the biggest threat concerning the introduction of idols to Israel according to Deuteronomy 11:16?

- Themselves: “Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.”

16. As we’ve discussed earlier in our study of this book (Deuteronomy 6:6-9), where should the children of Israel have put the words of God?

- Their hearts, soul, hands, frontlets of their eyes [minds], teaching their children, the door posts, and gates (**Deuteronomy 11:18-21**).

17. The children of Israel were promised victory in battle based upon what condition?
- Obedience to God (**Deuteronomy 11:22-25**).
18. What two things were set before the children of Israel?
- A blessing for obedience and a curse for disobedience (**Deuteronomy 11:26-32**).
19. How many places, where idolatry was practiced, were supposed to be left when the children of Israel conquered the land?
- NONE, they were to destroy all of them (**Deuteronomy 12:2-3**).
20. Once the children of Israel would be settled in their new land, would there be a located place to worship God?
- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 12:4-14**).
21. Did God want the Levites looked after by the tribes of Israel?
- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 12:19**).
22. Why were the children of Israel not allowed to eat blood (other than the obvious: because God said not to)?
- *“Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh”* (**Deuteronomy 12:23**).
23. What would occur if the children of Israel did that which was good and right in the sight of the Lord?
- Them and their children would have things go well for them if they observed and heard all those things (**Deuteronomy 12:28**).
24. What is one of the most surprising sacrifices that the heathens offered to their gods?
- Their own children we offered in the fire (**Deuteronomy 12:31**; cf. **II Chronicles 33:6**).
25. How much could the children of Israel add or remove from the instructions of God given through Moses?
- They could add or remove nothing (**Deuteronomy 12:32**).