

/We will now begin the eighth lecture on Deuteronomy. / Today's Scripture is Deuteronomy chapter 12. / The title of this chapter is "Do Not Consume Blood." / First, destroy all the altars of idols. / Verses 1-3. / Second, worship the Lord at the place he has chosen. / Verses 4-14.

/Third, do not eat the blood and forsake the Levites. / Verses 15-28. / Fourth, do not follow the footsteps of the destroyed. / Verses 29-32.

/Read 12:1. / These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has given you to possess—as long as you live in the land.

/There were decrees that the Israelites were to keep after they entered Canaan. / There were the decrees and laws of God.

/Read verses 2 and 3./ Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains, on the hills and under every spreading tree, where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places.

/It says to enter into Canaan and destroy all kinds of idols. / It also says to smash the sacred stones, the Asherah poles, and the idols. / The thing God detests most is idols. / He ordered the Israelites to completely destroy the idols./

/We must also throw away all the idols in our hearts. / Whether it is money or fame, we must throw away our idols.

/Read verses 4 and 5. / You must not worship the Lord your God in their way. But you are to seek the place the Lord your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go;

/It says when the Israelites give offerings and tithes to the Lord, they are to seek and go to the place the Lord chooses. / It says offer the offerings at the place where he chooses.

/This was to prevent the Israelites from mingling with other religions by worshipping where they desired. / The Israelites might have also worshiped however they wanted to. / Thus, God chose Jerusalem as the place of worship once they entered Canaan.

/God let the Israelites worship in Jerusalem through the priests he appointed. / Likewise, we must be at the place God has chosen for us. / We must worship God in the church that properly proclaims the Word of God.

/We must not worship wherever we please. / We must worship our God with Spirit and Truth. / John 4:24

/Verse 7. / There, in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you.

/It says to rejoice with the family by the blessings God has given. / We must consider the blessings God has poured out on us and give him thanks and glory.

/We must not worship God as we see fit. / We must worship God as he has commanded.

/Verse 9. / since you have not yet reached the resting place and the inheritance the Lord your God is giving you.

/ This means that God will give the resting place and the inheritance in Canaan.

/Verse 11. / Then to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name—there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the Lord.

/It says to worship God at the place he chose/ and bring the tithes and choice possessions they have vowed to the Lord. / Again, we must not worship God as we see fit. / We must worship God according to the way he has commanded.

/Worship must be for God, not for humans. / The Bible tells us to rejoice with the children and the slaves. / It tells us to rejoice with the Levites.

/We must rejoice together with people in need and / with church leaders,/ and we must serve them well.

/Therefore, we must worship God at the place he has chosen. / In Acts 1:4, Jesus commands the disciples to not leave Jerusalem.

/Verse 15. / Nevertheless, you may slaughter your animals in any of your towns and eat as much of the meat as you want, as if it were gazelle or deer, according to the blessing the Lord your God gives you. Both the ceremonially unclean and the clean may eat it.

/They were allowed eat the animals in Canaan. / They were allowed to eat all living animals.

/Read verse 16. / But you must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water.

/It says, “But you must not eat the blood.” / Even today, we should not eat the blood / because blood represents life. / Genesis 9:4/ This means that believers should know the sanctity of life.

/The blood represents the coming Jesus Christ who will shed His blood.

/Thus, it says to not eat the blood. / Even today in the New Testament time, we should not eat the blood. / Acts 15:29 / The verse says, “You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals...” / 1 Corinthians 10:18

/We must not offer our offerings to our ancestors. / We must not eat the leftovers served to the ancestors and to idols. / The New Testament tells us that we should not eat blood. / It also tells us not to get drunk.

/We must avoid drinking alcohol. / We must not put blood in our food and eat it.

/Verse 18. / Instead, you are to eat them in the presence of the Lord your God at the place the Lord your God will choose—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites from your towns—and you are to rejoice before the Lord your God in everything you put your hand to.

/It says to go to the place God has chosen. / It also says to rejoice before God / and to not forsake the Levites. / We must help people in need.

/We must rejoice with them. / We must join them in their suffering.

/Also, we must serve the church leaders well.

/Verse 20. / When the Lord your God has enlarged your territory as he promised you, and you crave meat and say, “I would like some meat,” then you may eat as much of it as you want.

/It says, “Go to the place he chose.”

/In verse 23, it says to not eat blood. / Leviticus 17:2,11

/Read verse 26. / But take your consecrated things and whatever you have vowed to give, and go to the place the Lord will choose.

/It says to offer the consecrated things and possessions vowed to give to the Lord at the place he chose.

/Verse 29. / The Lord your God will cut off before you the nations you are about to invade and dispossess. But when you have driven them out and settled in their land,

/It says God will drive out the tribes of Canaan.

/Verse 30. / and after they have been destroyed before you, be careful not to be ensnared by inquiring about their gods, saying, “How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same.”

/It is warning the Israelites not to study the gods of the Canaan tribes. / It tells them not to analyze or look into the foreign gods. / Rather, it says to consider all other gods detestable and keep them out of their sight.

/Verse 31. / You must not worship the Lord your God in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the Lord hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods.

/Those who served gods in Canaan offered their children as burnt sacrifices to their gods. / They burned their children and offered the sacrifices to the gods. / Such practice is abomination to God.

/Those who served gods killed their children so they could live well. / Such idolaters are morally and ethically wrong people.

/Verse 32. / See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.

/It says not to add to or take away from God’s commands. / We must obey God’s commands as they are. / Revelation 22:18-19. / We must simply believe and obey the Bible as it is.

/Let’s continue with Deuteronomy chapter 13./

/The title of this chapter is “Temptation.” / First, do not listen to those who foretell dreams./ Verse 1 to the first half of verse 3./ Second, those who disobey the Word of God are those who are misled./ Second half of verse 3 to verse 5.

/Third, temptation from family members. / Verses 6-11. / Fourth, temptation from the crowd. / Verses 12-16. / Fifth, how to receive God’s compassion and be prosperous. / Verses 17-18.

/Read verse 1. / If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a sign or wonder,

/Read verse 2. / and if the sign or wonder spoken of takes place, and the prophet says, “Let us follow other gods” (gods you have not known) “and let us worship them,”

/Here the prophet refers to false prophets. / There are those who foretell the future through dreams. / They mislead people with signs and miracles. / Yet, what they claim to be true is actually contrary to the Bible. / Even though such dreams are actualized, we must not follow after them.

/Verse 3. / you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

/It says, do not listen to the words of that dreamer. / Dreamers are mistaken when they think that their dreams are from God. / There are three sources of a dream. / First is from humans.

/At times, the desires and thoughts of man appear in his dreams. / Also, at times, the physical state of a person affects one's dreams. / Like such, some dreams come from thoughts and physical states.

/Second is from the devil. / The devil causes us to dream in order to harm our faith. / The devil causes us to sin through dreams.

/Third is from God./ Such dreams are biblical. / Yet, even though a dream is consistent with biblical truth, we must follow the Bible, not the dreams. / If we follow the dreams instead, we may be misled.

/Many false prophets appear in today's time. / Jeremiah 14:14/ Ezekiel 13:2/ Why?/ Why does God leave those dreamers alone?

/Latter part of verse 3. / The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

/Why does God leave those dreamers alone?/ That is because God is testing us to find out whether we love him or not. / He lets them be, so that he will know whether or not we love God.

/Those who heed the words of the false prophets are those who do not love God./ Those who follow the biblical truth are those who love God. / Matthew 7:21-23/ Revelation 13:14-15/ 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

/The misled people eventually follow after unrighteousness after they believe in false things. / They walk in the path of unrighteousness as they follow after the false prophets, and eventually receive God's judgment./ Thus, we must throw away our greed, and love God and the truth.

/Verse 4. /It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.

/It says to revere God./ It says to follow the commands of God.

/Verse 5. / That prophet or dreamer must be put to death for inciting rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. That prophet or dreamer tried to turn you from the way the LORD your God commanded you to follow. You must purge the evil from among you.

/It tells us to kill the dreamers. / These people are those who mislead us. / Exodus 22:18/ It says to kill the prophets. / However, what are we to do in the present?

/We must not physically kill the sinners. / In the present, all wicked and heretical teachings must be eradicated in the church. / We must take care of them according to our church laws. / However, we must not kill them.

/In regards to such people,/ we must cut them off. / We must punish them. / We must exterminate evil./ We must pull out the roots of evil.

/Verse 6. / If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, “Let us go and worship other gods” (gods that neither you nor your ancestors have known,

/At times, those closest to us mislead us. / They include our brother or our child./ It could be our friend who misleads us./ The verse is saying that we should have no relation with them.

/We must not murder in this period of the New Testament times. / Instead, we should take care of them in the church. / We must cut ties with them. / We must not follow after sin./ We must not follow after evil teachings.

/We must know that their actions in spreading evil teachings to us are meant to kill us. /Thus, we must act upon such wickedness. / We must cut out sin and evil.

/Verse 12. / If you hear it said about one of the towns the LORD your God is giving you to live in

/At times, the crowd might be the one who misleads us./ A towns person might mislead us. / Perhaps a bad resident. / An individual might also mislead us, but even they might do so collectively.

/If the entire town attempts to mislead us from the truth, the town should be burned down completely. / It says to burn the town.

/Verse 14. / then you must inquire, probe and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done among you,

/If someone says that someone else did wrong, people should not act upon on hearing just one testimony. / Instead, we must probe and investigate whether the claim is true or not. / We must investigate thoroughly.

/We must find out what is true of their sin./ If they indeed misled people, then they must be destroyed.

/Verse 16. / You are to gather all the plunder of the town into the middle of the public square and completely burn the town and all its plunder as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. That town is to remain a ruin forever, never to be rebuilt,

/It says to burn the plunders. / It says not to be sorry for losing them. / All forms of sin and evil must be thrown away./ 1 Thessalonians 5:22/ Evil teachings and sins must be completely destroyed in any period.

/Verse 17. / and none of the condemned things are to be found in your hands. Then the LORD will turn from his fierce anger, will show you mercy, and will have compassion on you. He will increase your numbers, as he promised on oath to your ancestors—

/It means that no possession of the idolaters is to be taken. / We must not tolerate even the smallest forms of evil./ We must condemn heresy./ We must not mingle with those of different faith.

/We must love God and the truth only. / We must hate the sin, but love the sinner./ We must love the sinner, but hate the sin./

/Let us continue with the next chapter.

/The title for chapter 14 is “Clean and Unclean Food.” / First, do not cut and harm yourselves. / Verses 1-2. / Second, animals that the believers can eat and cannot eat. / Verses 3-8./ Third, kinds of fish that can be eaten and that cannot be eaten./ Verses 9-10.

/Fourth, clean birds and unclean birds./ Verses 11-20./ Fifth, do not eat dead animals./ Verse 21./ Sixth, kinds of tithe./ Kinds of tithe./ Verses 22-29.

/Read verse 1./ You are the children of the LORD your God. Do not cut yourselves or shave the front of your heads for the dead,

/We, God's people, are holy people. /We believers are his holy children./ Here in the verse it says to not cut ourselves for the dead.

/During that time, the Canaan tribes were said to have cut themselves and bleed as their symbol of mourning for their dead./ They have harmed themselves with excess grief./ They also shaved the fronts of their heads.

/This is an extreme form of mourning for the dead./ We must not harm our bodies. / 1 Thessalonians 5:23./ We must not excessively mourn for the dead by harming ourselves. / We must not harm ourselves although the thought of them is inevitably sad.

/If we believe in Jesus Christ and die, we go to heaven./ Unbelievers go to hell./ Thus, we must trust God's sovereignty and providence./ There is nothing we can do for the dead.

/There is no need to pray for the dead./ The dead are already either in heaven or hell./ Instead, we must pray for those who are alive. / Thus, if we mourn for the dead excessively, we are ignoring God's sovereignty.

/Read verse 3./ Do not eat any detestable thing.

/There are animals that can be eaten and cannot be eaten./ This is written in Leviticus chapter 11./ There were things that were allowed to be eaten and things not allowed to be eaten during the Old Testament times.

/Verse 6. /You may eat any animal that has a divided hoof and that chews the cud.

/What can be eaten was any animal that had a divided hoof and that chewed the cud./ Animals like cow or sheep were allowed to be eaten./ However in verse 7, it says the camel, rabbit, and hyrax may not be eaten.

/In verse 8, it says that though pigs have hooves, since it does not eat the cud, it is considered "defiled."/ Thus, during the Old Testament times, eating pork was forbidden./ Yet, today in the New Testament times, it is okay to eat pork.

/There is a sacred meaning behind this./ What does the hoof signify?/ It signifies a distinguished life./ We must discern God-centered thoughts from human-centered thoughts./ We must discern spirit from flesh.

/Thus, we must always have God-oriented thoughts, which focuses on the spirit. / We must live lives separate from the world.



/What does chewing the cud signify? / It signifies believers constantly meditating on God's Word./ It means to always remember and take the Word of God to heart./ This is written in Psalm 1.

/However, now in the New Testament times, we can eat such food. / Colossians 2:14-17/ Carefulness and awareness in one's diet is no longer necessary./ We must simply pursue the truth./ We can eat pork.

/Moreover, we can even eat animals that are without hooves and that do not eat the cud./ In the present, we only need to follow after the truth./ Thus, we must pursue the truth regardless of what the hooves signify./We must live a different life as believers. / Just as some animals eat their cud, we must meditate upon God's Word.

/Verse 9. / Of all the creatures living in the water, you may eat any that has fins and scales.

/There are creatures living in the water that may be eaten and that may not be eaten./ Those that may be eaten are those with fins and scales./ Even in this case, we must follow the truth.

/The "fins" provide the fish with a sense of direction. / Likewise, we must stay on the right path and tread on it. / "Scale" signifies full armor. / Ephesians 6:11/ We must wear a full armor and protect ourselves from the enemies' arrows.

/Today in the New Testament period, we do not have to be careful and conscious about what we are allowed to eat. / In the present, we can eat mud fish and mackerel./ We can eat fish without scales./ We must remember to always pursue the truth.

/Verse 11. / You may eat any clean bird.

/There are birds that may be eaten and may not be eaten./ Clean birds can be eaten. /During the Old Testament period, the majority of unclean birds were those that preyed on weaker birds./ They preyed after the weak birds.

/These birds also ate dead bodies. / These birds were not allowed to be eaten.

/In the present time, this signifies that we must not harm other people./ We must act in the light./ We must treat others with justice. / We must treat others with fairness.

/It says not to touch a corpse. / This means that we must throw away dead faith. / It means that we must not walk like people without faith.

/It also means that we must not mingle with those whose faith is dead. / We must walk the path of life. / In the present time, we may eat the birds that were once considered unclean during the Old Testament period.

/Verse 21. / Do not eat anything you find already dead. You may give it to the foreigner residing in any of your towns, and they may eat it, or you may sell it to any other foreigner. But you are a people holy to the LORD your God. Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk.

/It says one must not eat anything that is already dead. / This means that we must not compromise with those of dead faith. / Do not compromise.

/It says that a young goat is not to be cooked in its mother's milk./ This means that an animal may be eaten, but should not be killed cruelly. / 22:6-7/22:6-7

/Even when one catches a bird / he must not catch the mother bird and its eggs at the same time./ The verse is telling us to show mercy. / 25:3/ 2 Corinthians 11:24/ In any case, we who live in the New Testament period, may eat such animals. / However, at the same time, we must realize the truth present in these verses.

/Since God is holy, we must be holy as well. / In verse 21, we are called "holy people to the Lord your God."/ Of course, there are things that may not be eaten./ Acts 15:29/ One is blood.

/We also must not eat the food at altars for idols. / We must not eat something that has been strangled to death./ A dog that has been strangled to death must not be eaten./ Yet, if the dog did not die in such a way, it may be eaten.

/In the New Testament period, we must not drink alcohol./ Smoking is not allowed. / We are God's holy temple. / We must not do drugs./ We must stay fit,/ and endeavor for our Lord.

/Verse 22. / Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.

/It says that we should offer a tenth of all to God./ We must offer our tithes to the Lord./ In case someone cannot carry the offerings, one can convert the amount to silver and offer it to the Lord.

/Verse 25. / then exchange your tithe for silver, and take the silver with you and go to the place the LORD your God will choose.

/It says to exchange the tithe for silver. / Verse 26 tells us to rejoice with the household with the silver./ It says to enjoy with family. / It says to live happily with family.

/Verse 27. / And do not neglect the Levites living in your towns, for they have no allotment or inheritance of their own.

/The Levites did not have any inheritance./ To them, God was the inheritance./ People offered tithes to the Levites./ The Levites lived off of the tithes./ The Levites took care of the Lord's work completely.

/In the present time, church leaders should not take worldly jobs. / They must focus on works within the church. / Members of the church offer tithes, / and the church receives it./ In doing so, both the church and the members of the church flourish. / Matthew 23:23

/Jesus also said that we should offer our tithes./ Malachi 3:8./ Not offering our tithes is equivalent to stealing. / In Malachi, God says he is going to "pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" if we offer our tithes.

/Verse 28. / At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns,

/It says that at the end of every three years, all the tithes of that year's produce should be offered.

/Verse 29. / so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

/These were to be used for the Levites, orphans, and the widows. / It was to be used to help people in need./ Here in Scripture, there are three kinds of tithes./ One is the first tithe./ This is offered to the Levites./ Numbers 18:21-24./ Verse 24.

/Another kind is the second tithe./ This is used for celebrations with family. / This is used to serve God./ Verses 22-27./ The last kind is the third tithe./ This is offered to God at the end of every three years./ Verses 28-29./ 26:12

/Today, the second tithe is not offered but only the third./ In any case, we must serve God as we offer tithes.

/We must use them for our neighbors who are in need./ We must use them for the church leaders as well./ We must not offer our tithes to God with stingy hearts.

/Everything we have belongs to God./ Therefore, we must offer it to God with gratitude for his grace./ We must offer to God wholeheartedly.

/With this, we will conclude the eighth lecture on Deuteronomy./ Thank you.