

Deuteronomy Lesson #10, Chapter 7

Be sure to spend time asking the Lord to help you understand His Word before you begin this lesson.

1. What things does God intend to do for Israel according to verses 1 and 2? What do you learn about the nations who inhabit the land (verse 1)?
2. Once the nations are defeated, what is Israel to do to them (verse 2-5)?
3. Why was it imperative that Israel show no mercy to those who inhabited the land that the nation was to possess? See verse 4; 12:29-31; 18:9-14; and 20:10-18.
4. Think about if you were to show no favor to the sins and temptations in your life and you were intent on utterly destroying them. How would your life be different than it is right now if you were to do that? What keeps you from fighting against those sins that distract you from following the Lord? Write down one area you are ready to wage war against. What is your battle plan in ridding your life of that sin or temptation? Make sure your plan includes seeking the Lord for His help and strength.
5. Verse 6 explains why Israel was to be so ferocious in clearing the land. What do you learn?

6. The word *possession* has also been translated “special, treasured possession, particular treasure, valued property.” What was it about Israel that made her so precious to God (verses 7-8)?

7. What do you learn about another group of people that God deems precious? See 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. What do these verses teach you about being “worthy enough” to be chosen by God? What determines your worth?

8. What do you learn in verses 9 and 10 that illustrate how faithful God is?

9. What do you learn about those who receive His lovingkindness in verse 9? See also John 14:15, 21; 1 John 5:2. Can we say that we truly love God if we do not keep, observe, obey His word? Why not?

10. What blessings come to Israel as a result of keeping their part of the covenant with God (verses 12-16)?

11. We do not reap the temporal blessings as Israel was promised here. Instead, what blessings do we receive as believers? For just a handful see Luke 12:7, 32; John 8:12; Romans 6:22-23; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; James 1:5; 1 Peter 5:6-7; Revelation 3:5, 12.

12. God understands that Israel is afraid of the great nations in the land. What does He tell them in verses 18-26 that will help them not to fear?

13. What is the number one reason they are not to be afraid of the nations (verse 21)?

14. What principles can you apply from this section that will help you not to fear when you encounter a situation that seems too big and mighty for you to overcome?

15. How does God rid the land of the nations (verse 22)? What reason is given for this method?

16. What are the Israelites to do with the religious items of the nations in the land (verses 25-26)? Why?

17. Define *abomination*. What other things are considered an abomination to the Lord? See Leviticus 18:6-30; Deuteronomy 7:25; 18:10-12; 22:5; 25:13-16; 27:15; Prov. 6:16-19; 15:8-9; 16:5; 17:15; 28:9.

18. When God says something is *detestable* what should your response be according to verse 26? Many of the things God finds detestable are accepted in our society today and we may have a hard time finding them as despicable as we should. How can you sensitize your heart and mind to love the things that God loves and hate the things that God hates?

19. How do you feel you are doing in this area? Do your thoughts and attitudes line up with God's on these subjects? What are you going to do about it?