

## Deuteronomy

### Lesson #15, Chapter 12-13

Ask the Lord to help you glean the most you can from Chapters 12-13. Ask Him to help you know Him better as you study His Word.

1. Chapters 12-26 contain the next big section we will be studying in the book of Deuteronomy. What does 12:1 say it contains?
2. What do you learn about the cultic practices of the Canaanites from 12:2-3?
3. How are the Israelites to worship God in contrast to the other nations (12:4-7, 10-14)?
4. What do you learn about Israel's current practices of worship in 12:8-9?
5. What is the theme of verses 1-14? How do verses 15-19 line themselves up with that theme? What about verses 20-28? How do they continue the flow of this chapter?
6. What is *the place where the Lord your God chooses to put His name* as mentioned in verse 21? See 12:5, 11, 14. What is to happen at the place *where God chooses to put His name*?
7. From this chapter what do you learn about God and worship?

8. God desires to be worshiped *His* way, not like the nations do, not like we want to, but in the way that *He* prescribes. What do the Scriptures teach us about the worship of God? See Psalm 2:11; 29:2; 99:5; Matthew 15:7-9; John 4:23-24.
  
9. In 12:23-25 what command is given to the Israelites? Why? See also Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 3:16-17; 17:11, 14.
  
10. What warning is repeated again to the Israelites in verse 30? What condition of mind could lead to this sin?
  
11. Which of the Ten Commandments do the regulations of Chapter 12 apply to? See Deuteronomy 5 for a review of the Ten Commandments.
  
12. In 13:1-5 what example does Moses give of how the nation might put into practice the command of 12:32, *whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it?*
  
13. What will the prophet or dreamer do to authenticate his message (13:1-2)?
  
14. Though experience may dictate one response, what should their answer be (13:3)?

15. What will the opportunity to obey God reveal (13:3)?
  
16. How have the opportunities to obey God tested you to see what was in your heart?
  
17. What six verbs describe Israel's relationship with God in 13:4?
  
18. How is Israel to deal with someone who tempts them to idolatry (13:5)? Why?
  
19. Deuteronomy 13:6-11 gives another example of someone who may tempt them to follow other gods. Who is it and how is the individual to react to that person's spiritual adultery? Why?
  
20. This new example teaches Israel how to respond even when those they loved tried to lead them astray. What does God want them to understand about the priority of their relationship with Him? What does God want them to understand about the wickedness of leading someone astray?
  
21. For most of us, the example in verses 6-11 is one we may likely face and the one that would be the most difficult to stand up against. What principles for following after God have you learned from this section?

22. What is the situation in 13:12-18? How is Israel to respond to this sin?
  
23. To which of the Ten Commandments do the contents of Chapter 13 apply?
  
24. All three of the scenarios in this chapter show how to respond to people of great influence in your life who may tempt you to sin—spiritual leaders, loved ones, and groups of people (peer pressure). What primary relationship is the one worth fighting for? What principles from this chapter can you apply to your own life to keep you from being tempted and ensnared in this area?
  
25. We might be tempted to think that these situations can no longer happen in our lives today, that no one says, “Let us go and serve other gods.” Remember though that all those examples in Chapter 13 show how to apply the command of 12:32. Very often we are tempted to sin by changing God’s word to meet the demands of the moment or to accommodate a loved one’s sin or to give into peer pressure. What has this chapter taught you about adhering to God’s Word and not changing it, *even a little bit*, in order to oblige your own sin or someone else’s?