**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 17, Part 2**

**(Dt. 12:1-28:68)**

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III. The Practices of Worship (Dt. 14-28): Family Practices

 A. Introduction: Family Practices: *“Children of the LORD”* (Dt. 14:1-2) >

B. Concerning Food (14:3-21)

C. Concerning Finances (14:22-29; 15:1-29)

 1. Release Debts (15:1-11)

 2. Release Debtors (15:12-18)

3. Respect firstlings (15:19-23)

D. Concerning Faith (16:1 ff.)

 1. Introduction about Feasts (vv. 1-17)

2. Introduction about Fairness (vv. 18-22)

3. Introduction about Focus (17:1 ff.)

 a. Principle of Focus (17:1)

 b. Procedure of Focus (17:2-7)

 **c. Practice of Focus (17:8-13)**

**Practice of Focus in Worship (17:8-13)**

**PREMISE: True worship started with right relationship with LORD; justice for believers only! Justice must be levied based on truth!**

Ps. 14:1 No God > no authority! Secular society cannot rule with justice based on truth!

**I. The Difficulty about Decision (17:8a)**

 A. Extreme difficulty > intention or negligence?

 B. Examples of difficulties > homicide or manslaughter?

 1. Blood and blood

 2. Plea and plea

 3. Stroke and stroke

**II. The Deference for the Decision (17:8b-9a)**

 A. The Place (v. 8b) > central sanctuary > Gilgal > Shiloh > Jerusalem

 B. The Personnel (v. 9a)

 1. Priests/Levites > violation (I Ki. 12:31)

 2. Judge > i.e., the judges > Samson (Jdg. 16:31)

**III. The Determination of the Decision (17:9b-11)**

 A. The Decision is final (v. 9b) > shew sentence

 B. The Decision must be followed (vv. 10-11a)

 C. The Decision is fixed (v. 11b) > no deviation (right hand or left hand)

**IV. The Determent from the Decision (17:12-13)**

 A. The Present Presumption (v. 12) > I Cor. 5:13

B. The Potential Presumption (v. 13) > death to false prophet, rebellious child, adulterer, murderer, etc. > Ex. 21:14 ff.; Num. 15:30 (“high handed”)

**Application**: Commonwealth vs. Assembly

 1. local and local

 2. central and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

 3. Jehovah (death) and Lord (death)

**CONCLUSION**: **The LORD expects truthful justice in Israel and in Assembly!**