**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 17, Part 3**

**(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; 14-20)**

**Practice of Focus in Worship (17:14-20)**

**PREMISE: True worship started with right relationship with LORD; justice for believers only! Justice must be levied based on truth! True worship and justice starts with king (leader)**

\*Ps. 14:1 No God > no authority! Secular society cannot rule with justice based on truth! > Prov. 29:2, 12

\*\*God’s ideal = theocracy > Neither Moses, Joshua, or Judges = King > (human government > Gen. 9:5-6) > “king” (Gen. 14:1, 18) > Ex. 15:18 > Rev. 19:16 (false king Abimelech [Jdg. 9], I Sam. 8:4-9 [Saul = tall warrior king afraid of Goliath!!]) > best human kings David and Solomon whose failures pointed to perfect King Jesus during Millennium. (Jesus is King with or without human representation)! The LORD allowed kings and polygamy but denounced globalism!

**I. The Desire (v. 14)**

A. The Possession (14a) > Promised Land now a nation!

B. The Purpose (14b) > nations must have kings!!?

**II. The Details (v. 15)**

 A. The Choice (15a) > must be Jehovah’s choice

 B. The Condition (15b) > must be an Israelite

**III. The Demands (vv. 16-17)**

 A. Limit Protection (16) > avoid Egypt like the plague; avoid **warrior** (Jesus is Warrior-King)

 B. Limit Persons (17a) > avoid **wives**

 C. Limit Possessions (17b) > avoid **wealth**

**IV. The Duty (vv. 18-19)**

A. Read Scriptures (18-19a) > all of the *Torah* (*LXX* reads for *“copy”* the word *“repetition”* [*deuteronomion*] > Deuteronomy. 2nd Law)

 B. Respect Saviour (19b) > obey Lord and love Lord

**V. The Direction (v. 20)**

 A. Avoid Apostasy (20a) > obey commands of Scripture

 B. Assist Advancement (20b) > live long life (Dt. 5:16)

**CONCLUSION: The king/leader must be spiritual for full blessing of the Lord’s congregation.**