**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 18, Part 6**

**(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 (17:1-18:22)

1) Focus on Priests (18:1-8)

 2) Focus about Paganism (18:9-13)

 **3) Focus for Prophets (18:14-22)**

**Practice of Focus in Worship (18:1-22)**

**Focus for Prophets (18:14-22)**

**PREMISE: True worship started with right relationship with LORD and then with Priests/Pastor and then Paganism (efforts to consult with spirit world about future and control of future) > Rev. to 7 churches.**

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

 A. Demonic Diviners (14a) > demons lie to false prophets (I Ki. 22:19-23)

 B. Divine Diviners (14b) > only Jehovah knows future and will reveal it.

**II. The Choice (vv. 15-19)**

 A. The **Master Prophet** (15a) > Jehovah will have His own spokesman!

 B. The **Model Prophet** (15b-17)

1. Moses the Mediator (15b) > like Moses the divine spokesman and must hear and obey > Heb. 3:2-6 > Lk. 24:19, 27, 44; Jn. 5:45-46

2. Many Mediators (16-17) > People feared presence of Jehovah and wanted human prophets> Dt. 5:24 ff. > so God gave prophets: Elijah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist (Mt. 16:14).

 C. The **Messianic Prophet** (18-19) > Acts 3:22-23 > 7:37-38; 51-53 (see also Mt. 21:11; Mk. 6:4)

 1. He will be from the Lord’s people (18) > Jn. 1:11

 2. He will be faithful to Lord’s word (19) > Mt. 3:17; 17:5

a) Moses started First Kingdom > Ex. 19:5-6

 b) Christ will start Second Kingdom > Mt. 4:17

**III. The Condemnation (v. 20)**

A. His Presumption > Dt. 13:1-6; Satan can give signs (signs must agree with written words)

B. His Perdition > false prophets and those that deal with occult must die (Ex. 22:18-20 > Dt. 18:10-12)

**IV. The Comprehension (vv. 21-22)**

 A. Discernment about Prophet > discern from word > wisdom comes through word in place of truth!

 B. Disappointment in Prophet > not all prophets are from God!

**CONCLUSION:** Knowledge of future comes only from the true Prophet which foreshadowed or emulated the Lord Jesus Christ.