**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 20, Part 8**

**(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 (17:1-19:14)

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

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

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

4) Focus on Places of Refuge (19:1-14)

**E. Concerning Fighting (20:1-20**

**The Practice of Worship: Concerning Fighting (20:1-20)**

**PREMISE: War was a form of worship in which complete trust in Jehovah was necessary.**

**\***The Christian’s spiritual war > II Cor. 10:3-4; Col. 2:15; Eph. 6:12

**I. The Exhortation to Fighting (vv. 1-4)**

 A. From the LORD (v. 1)

 1. Potential (v. 1a)

 2. Protection (v. 1b)

3. Past (v. 1c)

 B. From the Leaders (vv. 2-4)

 1. Fearlessness (vv. 2-3)

 2. Faithfulness (v. 4)

**II. The Exemptions (allowances) from Fighting (vv. 5-9)**

 A. New Home (v. 5) > dedicate house > I Ki. 8:63

 B. New Vineyard (v. 6) > Lev. 19:23-25

 C. New Wife (v. 7) > Dt. 24:5

 D. New Fear (vv. 8-9) > Dt. 1:21 > fear was infectious

**III. The Exceptions (differences) in Fighting (vv. 10-20)**

A. Nations outside of Promised Land (vv. 10-15) > cf. v. 15 (cities far off and not of these nations [cf. Josh. 9:1 ff.])

 1. Peace? Then servants (vv. 10-11)

 2. No Peace? Then slaughter (vv. 12-15)

 B. Nations within the Promised Land (vv. 16-18) > the *cherem*

 1. The Razing (vv. 16-17) > Josh 6:21

 2. The Reason (v. 18) > abominations (Dt. 18:9 ff.)

 C. National trees for food (vv. 19-20) > wise stewardship with food

 1. The Discernment (v. 19)

 2. The Destruction (v. 20)

**CONCLUSION**: The Christian is in a war; the Christian must always trust the LORD in battle!