**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 26, Part 20**

**(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. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. Concerning Faithfulness (22:1-12)

J. Concerning Foreigners (23:1-8)

K. Concerning Forbidden Things

L. Concerning Fitness: 1. Divorce 2. Newly-weds 3. Pledges 4. Kidnapping 5. Leprosy 6. Injustice 7. Justice 8. Generosity

M. Concerning Feeling (for others) > Criminals, Cows, Widows

N. Concerning Finances

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**PREMISE: The LORD owned the Promised Land and “rented” it out to Israel, expecting tithes coming from the heart for His blessings. The “rent” money went to others as directed by the Lord to show love for the Lord!**

**>** How much does God charge for air, water, & sunshine on the “rented” facility called earth? Christians are to show love by giving tithe as directed by Lord!

\*Tithe Principle > Gen. 14:26 > Mt. 23:23 & I Cor. 9:13-14 > Tithing for OT Israel and NT churches!

\*Tithe system = seven year cycle: (3, 6, 7 [no tithe])

\*Tithe #1 > Levites (Num. 18:21:26) > tithe to Priests (Neh. 10:37-38)

\*Tithe #2 > Festival (Dt. 14:22-27)

\*Tithe #3 > Poor (Dt. 14:28-29)

**Background**: Two ceremonies at different times in different places: 1) first offering of firstfruits at sanctuary (vv. 1-11); 2) third year offering in settlements (vv. 12-15 > the triennial tithe). Cf. also Lev. 23:1 ff. (f. firstfruits = 2nd day Nisan 16)

**I. The Gift of the Land (v. 1)**

A. The Possessor (v. 1a) > LORD God gives

B. The Possession (v. 1b) > a gifted inheritance

**II. The Growth in the Land (vv. 2-4)**

A. The Produce (v. 2a) > fresh produce and not the product (grapes and not juice)

B. The Place (v. 2b) > Dt. 12:5, 11 > Gilgal, Bethel, Shechem, Shiloh

C. The Priest (v. 3a)

D. The Profession (v. 3b) > recognition of Lord’s leading and blessing!

E. The Presentation (v. 4) > before bronze altar outside of tent but not for sacrifice.

**III. The Grief before the Land (vv. 5-6)**

A. Their History (v. 5)

1. Jacob the “Syrian”

2. He resided Aram (Syria) or Mesopotamia (Gen. 28:5) and tied to Laban of Padan-Aram

B. Their Humility (v. 6) > Egyptian bondage humbled them.

**IV. The Goodness because of the Land (vv. 7-11)**

A. Their Repentance (v. 7) > Ex. 2:23

B. Their Redemption (v. 8) > Ex. 3:8

C. Their Recovery (v. 9) > Ex. 14:13

D. Their Rejoicing (vv. 10-11) > Ex. 15:1 ff.

**CONCLUSION: The LORD owns all and is generous to all. He expects manifested thankfulness!**