

Deuteronomy 14-16 – 1 April 2021

“A Position of Rejoicing”

Introduction

*Exo, Lev, Num is what happened

*Deut is Moses heart about what happened

*Paul tells us in Rom 15:4 & I Cor 10:1-11 that these things are written for OUR learning

*Some of the greatest overarching principles of the Bible are found in Deuteronomy

*Deut 12 began the section of the book that now looks forward (...when you come into the land...)

*Chap 12-13 looked at their primary need of staying close to God in worship & avoiding false worship

*Now today in Deut 14-16 God reminds them of their great position in relation with Him

***Today we'll see 4 aspects of their position in relation to God**

1st aspect of their position in relation to God is that they've been separated as clean (Chap 14:1-21)

Intro

1. This chapter is a reminder of Lev 11; setting a difference between clean and unclean animals
2. 1st two vss deal w/ tattoos as we saw in Lev 19

Read Chap 14:1-2

1. God reminds His children that they are holy, they've been set apart as different
2. These are Canaanite religious practices
 - a. This isn't a prohibition against tattoos
 - b. It's a prohibition against IDing w/ pagans
3. You're either of this world system or not
 - a. Be seen & known as "not of this world"

Read Chap 14:3-8

1. Clean / unclean land animals
2. Physical/Spiritual benefits to eating only clean ones, but principle is that of setting a difference

Read Chap 14:9-10

1. Clean/unclean water animals; fins/scales good
2. Don't settle for the bottom-feeders, you're seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus

Read Chap 14:11-20

1. Fowl: Eat all except the scavenger birds
2. Eagle is used in a positive context other places
 - a. Believers don't eat their own, we love.
 - b. Do unbelievers know you're different?
3. There's nothing eviler about the unclean
 - a. There's simply teaching God has separated us

Read Chap 14:21

1. Like vs 1 you don't mark yourself for the dead, now you don't become Identified w/ the dead
 - a. We're here to represent life
2. Offering this meat to foreigners proves the meat is physically safe, just spiritually not safe.
 - a. Show a dead world, God comes to offer life

2nd aspect of their position in relation to God is that they've received great grace (Chap 14:22-29)

Intro

1. Chap 14 finishes discussing the people's tithe

Read Chap 14:22-23

1. Tithe to the Lord from ALL that you gain
2. When you give back to the Lord, your hands & mind are slowly bringing your heart into compliance
 - a. This is 'learning the fear of the Lord'
 - b. Forcing our heart to agree that God has given us way more than we deserve
3. Acknowledging God's grace is to see that He's given us many good things that we don't deserve

Read Chap 14:24-27

1. Exchange it for money for long-distance tithing to the Lord and don't forget your Levite
2. Notice vs 26 – It's a rejoicing to remember God's great blessings and graces to us

Read Chap 14:28-29

1. Every 3rd year the tithe is to go to nonlanders
 - a. Those that have no choice but God's grace
 - b. Orphans, widows and resident foreigners
2. Our horizontal relationships are an outgrowth of our vertical relationship with God
 - a. When our own hearts come into agreeance that God has graced us, THEN we see clearly to give out God's grace to others
 - b. When the needy ask, "Why r u doing this?"
 - i. B/c God first did this for me
 - ii. And He can for you too!

3rd aspect of their position in relation to God is that they've received great mercy (Chap 15:1-23)

Intro

1. If getting grace is getting good things that we don't deserve; mercy is NOT getting bad things that we DO deserve!
2. Chap 15 concerns the Sabbath year and mercy

Read Chap 15:1-6

1. 7th year is a release of debts to care for the poor
2. Vs 3 – This isn't for mercy on the foreign business man to release his debts; misses the point
3. God gave them principles that would have led to financially blessing other nations; if only obey
4. So Israeli debt was to be wiped out; not b/c they deserved it but out of mercy

Read Chap 15:7-11

1. Don't withhold from helping the poor b/c the year of release is at hand, that is sin.
2. God will bless for your giving. (Read Gal 6:10)
3. Our sin put us in great debt to God but He's showed us great mercy in forgiving our failings
 - a. When the Rapture comes; God will forgive the one who asks the hour before it occurs
 - b. When moment of your death comes; God will forgive in the moments just before death
 - c. Do you know when you'll die? Do it now!

Read Chap 15:12-15

1. 7th year is a release of slaves or hired servants
2. Not just the debt is released but the very person themselves is released into freedom
 - a. Freedom from the past into a new future
 - b. Freedom from the ID of who they were and now free to identify with a new life

Read Chap 15:16-18

1. So the slave could choose to be a bond-slave; one who chooses to stay with his master
 - a. Saw this in Exo 21
2. This and Psm 40:6 speak prophetically of Jesus our Messiah
 - a. Jesus chose to be God's servant forever and to be our example
 - b. Read Psm 40:6-8 & Phil 2:6-7

Read Chap 15:19-23

1. Firstborn of animals was to be offered to God

4th aspect of their position in relation to God is that they can rejoice in remembrance of their redemption (Chap 16:1-17)

Intro

1. The 7 Feast Days are the special holidays
2. The Lord chooses just 3 of them to here discuss
3. These 3 are representative of all 7
 - a. Passover represents Passover, U.B, 1st fruits
 - b. Feast of Weeks represents itself
 - c. Weeks is Trumpets, Atonement & itself

Read Chap 16:1-8 – *Passover Season*

1. We took a full look at the Passover in Exo 12 (Instituted) and Lev 23 (Commemorated)
 - a. Fulfilled in Christ's death on the cross!
2. Passover was 1st month 14th day, U.B. started 15th day for a week, Firstfruits was 16th day
3. What's the emphasis here? Why did God bring it up again here in Deut 16?
 - a. Vs 2 – It's to remember their **redemption**

Read Chap 16:9-12 – *Feast of Weeks*

1. We took a full look at Weeks/Pentecost in Exo 19 (Law Instituted) & Lev 23 (Commemorated)
 - a. Fulfilled in the giving of the Holy Spirit!
2. What's the emphasis here? Why again?
 - a. Vs 11 & 12 – To rejoice and **remember** the blessings of freedom in this new redeemed life!

Read Chap 16:13-17 – *Tabernacles*

1. Took full look at Feast of Tabernacles in Lev 23
2. All 3 fall feast are to be fulfilled at Christ's 2nd Coming
3. What's the emphasis here?
 - a. **Rejoicing** in God's permanent provision
 - b. The dwell in temporary houses for the week
 - i. Remembering deliverance from Egypt
 - ii. Loving the blessings of God of having a new permanent home

Conclude – More to life than the mundane, you can rejoice in remembering your redemption

Conclusion

So, are you in a position of rejoicing?

1. **God offers you a position of being separated as clean**
 - a. You're either of this world system or you're clean
 - b. Have u been cleansed by the blood of Jesus?
2. **God offers you great grace – good things that you don't deserve**
 - a. Can you admit that God has given you more than your life deserves?
 - b. Dwelling on that will help us grow in our reverence of God
3. **God offers you great mercy – to remove your debt and sins**
 - a. He offers freedom wiping out your sins & your past
 - b. We can let go of the bad choices that brought us into debt
4. **God offers you a chance to rejoice in being redeemed into a new life – no more fear, but new life!**