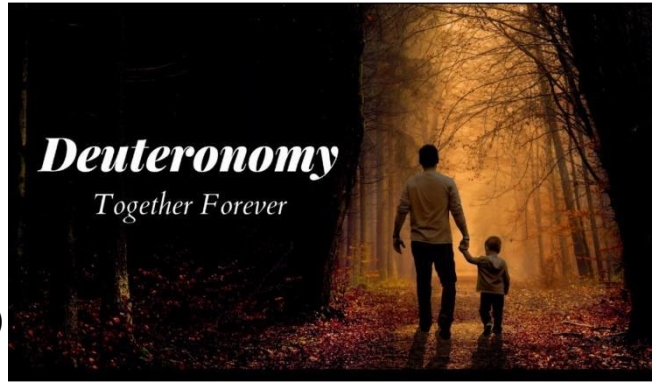


Study Notes (Deuteronomy 12:29-13:18)



Chapter 12:29-32 **How to Avoid the snare of Idolatry.**

- (v.29) Victory comes by God *through* Israel's obedience to Him.
 - Faith= *Trust* and *Obe*y
- (Vv.30-32) God's Word given is a sure guide to navigate life, avoiding the snare of idolatry.
 - **See -> Psalm 119:105-112**
 - **See -> James 4:7**

Chapter 13:1-5 **Testing to Reveal and Mature Faith.**

- (Vv.1-2) If a prophet or dreamer of dreams comes with sign and wonders that do indeed come to pass, however leads away from God, what are you to do?
- (Vv.3-4) God is allowing this to test (reveal and mature) Israel's faith (trust and obedience) to the Word of God. No matter the signs and wonders, only "Thus saith the Lord" is truth.
 - **See -> Matthew 12:22-32**
 - **See -> John 1:1-2; 14-18**
- (v.5) The person who tried to bring rebellion is to be put to death.

Chapter 12:6-18 **By Few or Many, God's Word Alone Is Our Sure Guide.**

- (Vv.6-11) A private, secret invitation. Israel was to do rebuke in the same manner even if those most dear to our hearts in this world invite us to sin.
 - **See -> Luke 14:25-27**
- (Vv.12-18) If the warning goes unheeded, and a movement has emerged following this rebellion (a city) the judgment is the same however much more devastating.
 - **See -> Galatians 5:6-16**

"And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place."

-Deuteronomy 1:31

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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *What is idolatry and how can we avoid it? How are we to value God's Word according to **Psalm 119:105-112**?*
- 2) *If a prophet or dreamer of dreams comes with signs and wonders that come to pass, are they to be accepted as from God and followed? Why or why not? Why does God test our faith?*
- 3) *How was Israel to receive an invitation to idolatry, even if from someone closest to them whom they loved? How does this relate to Jesus' words in **Luke 14:25-27**? Is loving anyone or anything above God idolatry?*
- 4) *What happens when we tolerate a little sin in our lives, homes, churches? For Israel, what happens when an entire city is a movement of idolatry?*
- 5) *How does **Galatians 5:6-16** relate to this section of Deuteronomy? In what areas do you struggle with the invitation to replace God in certain parts of our lives? Is God on the Throne of your heart above all else?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Time read Deuteronomy Chapter 14:1-29**