

Study Notes (Deuteronomy 14:1-29)



Chapter 14:1-2 **Identity: How We Face Life.**

- o (Vv.1-2) God makes all the difference in our lives- yet, what does this mean? They were not to mark themselves like surrounding cultures that do not know God yet. They are a people of hope.
 - Set Apart / A holy people.
 - Chosen as a treasured possession.
 - **See -> Acts 13:1-3**

Chapter 14:3-21 **To Eat or Not to Eat.**

- o (v.3) This section can bring fatigue to the reader. However, I want to invite you to see the context of what is happening here. God is inviting His adopted children to His table; to eat only what is good enough for Him.
- o (Vv.4-20) As we read through this list for Israel, remember they are learning what it means to be a part of God's family. Life is different for them now than when they were slaves in Egypt.
- o (v.21a) This showed Israel the contrast of being in verses outside of God's family. Rather than a means to pride, an invitation through the reason one can and cannot eat something.
- o (v.21b) The bond of family is of great value to God; a mother and child share something that was not even to be disregarded in the animal kingdom.

Chapter 14:22-29 **Tithing- the Joy of Giving and Loving**

- o (Vv.22-26) This act of tithing existed before God instituted this with Israel. This was an act recognizing ultimately all things belong to a higher power (other cultures); for Israel this was God.
 - **See -> Genesis 14:20**
- o (Vv.27-29) The tithe would look out for the Levites whose sole role in Israel was to minister to the Congregation as well as looking out for those taking refuge in Israel, the orphan, and the widow. In this rhythm they would be blessed by God to be His blessing each other.
 - **See -> James 1:27**

"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) *Why does it matter to God how Israel mourns the dead? What was unique about them compared to other nations in the world at the time?*
- 2) *What determined if something was clean or unclean for Israel? How does the dietary laws show God's love as a Father?*
- 3) *How do we see the value God places on the family in 14:21b?*
- 4) *Did tithing exist before God commanded it for Israel on their journey to the Promised Land? What does tithing acknowledge?*
- 5) *How does tithing allow God's blessing to flow into Israel? How does this blessing upon the giver become a blessing for others? Does God still care about all today?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Time read Deuteronomy Chapter 15:1-23**