

Life Lessons from Jesus' Favorite Book, Studies in Deuteronomy

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IT'S NOT ABOUT US! DEUTERONOMY 7:6-21

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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0 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Deuteronomy 7:6-21 (NET)

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. He has chosen you to be his people, prized above all others on the face of the earth.

⁷ It is not because you were more numerous than all the other peoples that the LORD favored and chose you—for in fact you were the least numerous of all peoples.

⁸ Rather it is because of his love for you and his faithfulness to the promise he solemnly vowed to your ancestors that the LORD brought you out with great power, redeeming you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹ So realize that the LORD your God is the true God, the faithful God who keeps covenant faithfully with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

¹⁰ but who pays back those who hate him as they deserve and destroys them. He will not ignore those who hate him but will repay them as they deserve!

¹¹ So keep the commandments, statutes, and ordinances that I today am commanding you to do.

¹² If you obey these ordinances and are careful to do them, the LORD your God will faithfully keep covenant with you as he promised your ancestors.

¹³ He will love and bless you, and make you numerous. He will bless you with many children, with the produce of your soil, your grain, your new wine, your oil, the offspring of your oxen, and the young of your flocks in the land which he promised your ancestors to give you.

¹⁴ You will be blessed beyond all peoples; there will be no barrenness among you or your livestock.

¹⁵ The LORD will protect you from all sickness, and you will not experience any of the terrible diseases that you knew in Egypt; instead he will inflict them on all those who hate you.

¹⁶ You must destroy all the people whom the LORD your God is about to deliver over to you; you must not pity them or worship their gods, for that will be a snare to you.

¹⁷ If you think, “These nations are more numerous than I—how can I dispossess them?”

¹⁸ you must not fear them. You must carefully recall what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and all Egypt,

¹⁹ the great judgments you saw, the signs and wonders, the strength and power by which he brought you out—thus the LORD your God will do to all the people you fear.

²⁰ Furthermore, the LORD your God will release hornets among them until the very last ones who hide from you perish.

²¹ You must not tremble in their presence, for the LORD your God, who is present among you, is a great and awesome God.

EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. What qualities (attributes) come to mind when you think about God?
2. How is God viewed in America and in the media today?
3. What is there about God that people today do not like?
4. What characteristic/attribute of God makes you feel uncomfortable?
5. Why did God judge the people of Canaan so severely in Moses' day?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES