

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE
Deuteronomy 7

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7:1-5 I. God's people must avoid all spiritual compromise.

- :1, 2a** A. We must represent God's interests.
"...and when the Lord your God gives them over to you...you must devote them to complete destruction."
- :2b** B. We must look to God alone for protection.
"You shall make no covenant with them...."
- :3, 4** C. We must unite our hearts with those who love Him.
"You shall not intermarry with them..."
- :5** D. We must love what He loves and hate what He hates.
"...you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire."

:6-10 II. God has made us distinctive.

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God."

- :6-8** A. Our distinction is His electing love.
"The Lord has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession out of all the people on the face of the earth." "...it is because the Lord loves you."
- :9-10** B. His love is based on His character.
"...the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him... and repays...those who hate him."

:11-26 III. Living distinctly has enormous consequences.

"You shall therefore be careful..."

- :11-16** A. God blesses us greatly.
"He will love you, bless you, and multiply you..."
- :17-24** B. We need not fear.
"...you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember..."
- :25-26** C. We must destroy the idols.
"The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire."
- :25** 1. They ensnare.
"...lest you be ensnared by it..."
- :26** 2. They offend God.
"...for it is an abomination to the Lord your God...an abominable thing...utterly detest and abhor..."
- :26** 3. They destroy you.
"And you shall not...become devoted to destruction like it."