

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: SERVE NO GOD BUT GOD
Deuteronomy 13:1-18

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Main point: If we are faithful to the first and greatest commandment, for His sake we must be prepared and committed to renounce every other thing we value.

13:1-5 I. Even charismatic religious leaders.

“If a prophet or dreamer of dreams arises...”

:1-3a

A. Assess their words.

“If...gives you a sign or a wonder...and if he says ‘Let us go after other gods’...you shall not listen...”

cf. Matthew 7:21-23; II Corinthians 11:14

:3b-4

B. Pass God’s test.

“For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord...”

cf. Exodus 16:4; Matt. 4:1; James 1:2-4

- walk after the Lord
- fear him
- keep his commandments
- obey his voice
- serve him
- hold fast to him

:5

C. Purge the evil.

“...shall be put to death...”

cf. 17:7, 12; 19:19; 21:21; 22:21; 24:7; I Corinthians 5:13

:6-11 II. Even family and friends.

“If your brothers...your son or your daughter...wife...or your friend who is as your own soul invites you...”

:8a

A. Do not yield, but remain steadfast.

“...you shall not yield to him or listen to him...”

:8b

B. Do not exempt, but discipline.

“...nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him...”

cf. I Corinthians 5:1-12

:8c

C. Do not enable, but expose.

“...nor shall you conceal him...”

cf. Ephesians 5:11; Galatians 6:1, 2

:9-11

D. Do not evade, but confront.

“Your hand shall be first against him...”

cf. Matthew 18:15-18

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1. for the honor of the Lord

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2. for the health of the church

:12-18 III. Even a large group of people.

“If you hear...that certain worthless fellows...have drawn away the inhabitants of their city...”

:14-15 A. Condemn the group.

“...you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction...”

cf. Revelation 2:14, 15, 20

:16-17a B. Do not benefit from the group.

“None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand...”

:17b, 18 C. Trust the faithfulness of God.

“...and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers...”

cf. Galatians 6:9; I Timothy 3:13; I Peter 5:4; II Timothy 4:8