

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: PUT GOD IN YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
Deuteronomy 18:1-22

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18:1-8 I. We must provide for spiritual leadership.

"The Levitical priests, all the tribe of Levi..." cf. Acts 6:3; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9

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A. They must not be financially motivated.

"...shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel." cf. I Peter 5:1-4

:3-5

B. They must be supported by the people.

"And this shall be the priests' due from the people..."

cf. Leviticus 7:28-36; Numbers 18:8-32; Galatians 1:6; I Timothy 5:17f; I Corinthians 9:13

:6-82

C. They must have parity.

"...then he may have equal portions to eat..." cf. I Corinthians 15:9; Acts 15

:9-14

II. We must reject alien forms of spiritual leadership.

"When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of these nations."

:9, 10a

A. Abominable sacrifices

"There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering..."

:10b

B. Abominable superstitions

"...anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens..." cf. Acts 20:29, 30

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C. Abominable religion

"...or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord." cf. Colossians 2:16-23

:12-14

D. Abominable forgetfulness

"And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you.... But as for you..." cf. II Peter 1:12-15

:15-22

III. We must follow godly spiritual leadership.

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A. They are raised up by God.

"The Lord your God will raise up for you..." cf. Ephesians 4:11; Acts 20:28

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B. They will be like Moses.

"...a prophet like me..." cf. Hebrews 3:4, 5; 13:7

:15-17

C. They have authority.

"...it is to him you shall listen..."

cf. Hebrews 13:17; Luke 9:35

:18-22

D. They will speak God's Word.

"And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."

cf. II Peter 1:20f

:18, 19

1. False listeners will be punished.

"And whoever will not listen...I myself will require it of him." cf. Mk 4:1-20, 24, 25

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2. False prophets will be punished.

"But the prophet who presumes...or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet will die."

cf. II Peter 2:3; Jude 4

:21, 22

3. You must be discerning.

"And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know...'" cf. Acts 17:11