

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: COVENANT STIPULATIONS

GIVE JOYFULLY TO THE LORD

Deuteronomy 26:1-19

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26:1-11 I. Accept His gifts with rejoicing.

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A. Claim His promise as your possession.

“When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it ...”

cf. Exodus 3:8,17; 13:5; Leviticus 20:24

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B. Acknowledge His gift by giving back the first fruits.

“...take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

cf. Romans 11:16; I Corinthians 15:20, 23

:3-4

C. Declare your receipt of His gift...

“...go...and say...I declare today...that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our forefathers to give us.”

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D. ...and your need for His deliverance.

“But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer ... we cried out to the Lord...and the Lord heard our voice and ... brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm ...with signs and wonders”

cf. Genesis 14:20; Psalms 22:4; 54:7; 56:13; 107:6; 119:117

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E. Confess that we owe it all to Him (not just a portion).

“He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me.”

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F. Rejoice in His gifts with the church and the world.

“And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.”

cf. Deuteronomy 12:7; II Corinthians 9:5-15; Psalm 71:23

:12-15 II. Set aside the sacred portion from your household.

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A. Don't co-mingle God's portion with your own.

“When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce, ... give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat....”

:13-14

B. Acknowledge to the Lord that you have obeyed His commands.

“Then say to the Lord your God: ‘I have removed from my house the sacred portion, ...according to all you commanded. I have not eaten any of the sacred portion..., nor have I removed any of it..., nor have I offered any of it.... I have obeyed the Lord my God....”

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C. Ask for (and expect) a blessing in return.

“Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us”

cf. Malachi 3:7-12; II Chronicles 31:4-10; Matthew 25:14-30

:16-19 III. Observe His decrees (chapters 12-26) and enjoy the rewards.

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A. Observe them with your heart.

"... follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all your heart...."

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B. Declare that you will walk in His ways.

"You have declared this day that the Lord is your God and that you will walk in his ways, that you will keep his decrees, commands and laws, and that you will obey him."

:18-19

C. Rejoice and enjoy His love and His favor.

"And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and...that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised."