

## Chapters 12, 13 Worship The Lord Your God His Way

### Review Where Are we in Deuteronomy?

- A. Covenant Form
- B. Into the Land and now specific applications of 10 Words
- C. Details of justice and operations but FIRST and FOREMOST worship.

### **I. The Lord's Chosen Place of Worship 12:1– One Place >> One Person**

- A. Destroy Idols and Idolatrous places: Yahweh is the only legitimate object of worship
- B. Lord will choose a place for his Name and Habitation (5, 11,13,14,18,21,26)
- C. Sacrifices and offerings there
- D. Celebrate the blessing: You shall eat and rejoice 12:7, 12 Balance joy and sobriety;
- E. Not own eyes: (12:8, 28, 13:18) Worship must please the object of worship not the worshippers “acceptable [worship] is not determined by worshippers, let alone the unregenerate or marginally spiritual.” – Daniel Block
- F. Application
  - 1. Central sanctuary locations: Shechem, Shiloh, Gilgal, Jerusalem
  - 2. Jeroboam Bethel + Dan (1 Kings 12)
  - 3. Even good kings did not remove the high places
  - 4. Hezekiah and Josiah
- G. Jesus: The Hour is Coming and now is (John 2, 4)
  - 1. Samaritans and Mount Gerizim
  - 2. Jesus the True Temple
  - 3. Eph 2:20–22; I Pet 2:5

### **II. Essence of Idolatry 29–31**

- A. Warning against Entrapment
- B. Warning against Emulation

C. Warning against Evil Do not worship that way cf 12:4

### **III. Seduction to Treason 13:1–18**

A. Sources of Temptation

1. Prophet or dreamer 13:1–5

2. Intimate Member of the Family or close friend 13:6–11

3. Defection of entire town 13:12–18

B. Temptation: worship and serve gods you have not known instead of the Lord your God.

C. Responsibility to purge the evil from among you.

D. Application of the principle

1. In the history of Israel

Elijah (1 Kings 18); Jehu (2 Kings 10:18–28); Josiah (2 Kings 23:4–20).  
Gibeah (Judges 19,20).

2. In the N.T church

Mat 18; 1 Cor 5, 2 Cor 2; Titus 3

### ***Chapters 12 & 13: One Place – One God – Worship According to God's Will***

1. The True God dictates the way he is to be worshipped.
2. The True God demands destruction of all idols and places of idol worship.
3. The True God chooses a single place where he dwells: (5, 11,13,14,18,21,26).
4. The True God provides offerings and sacrifices pleasing to him.
5. The True God invites his people to eat and rejoice (12:7,12,18).
6. The True God invites whole households including servants and Levites to eat and rejoice.
7. The True God requires worship that is right in his eyes, not ours! (8,25, 28)