

“From Where We Stand”
Deuteronomy 7: 12 - 16
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"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Purity In Identity, Nature, Station & Might, (1 - 26)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-exchange With The World, (vs. 12 - 16)

2. As God's Beloved People, Our Economy Is Different, (vs. 13 - 14)

- **Exposition: 13a) "Love, Bless & Multiply" (Act.Perf) 3 Fold Love Of God** *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:7-8, ESV)*
 - **13b) "Bless with children"** - *“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.” (Psalm 127:3-5, ESV)*
 - **13c) "Bless with productive success"** - *“May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; may our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; may our cattle be heavy with young, suffering no mishap or failure in bearing; may there be no cry of distress in our streets! Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!” (Psalm 144:12-15, ESV)*
 - **13d) "Bless with sustenance"** - *“Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” (John 14:23-27, ESV)*
 - **13e) "Bless with increase"** - *“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:31-34, ESV)*
 - **14) "Blessed above all others"** - *“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.” (Deuteronomy 7:6-8, ESV)*
- **Illustration: 1) The doubt of God's goodness 2) The substitution of God's design**
3) The abandonment of God's word
- **Argumentation: 1) "You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? 2) And now we call the arrogant blessed. 3) Evil doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.' ” (Malachi 3:14-15, ESV)**
- **Application: How have you doubted... substituted... abandoned?**

He speaks, and, listening to His voice, New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.

3. As God's Beloved People, Our View Of Life Is Different, (vs. 15)

4. As God's Beloved People, Our Fidelity Is Different, (vs. 16)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-connect With The World, (vs. 17 - 26)