

"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)

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

- **Exposition: 16a) Passion For Purity** **"You shall consume (Perf)"** - *"If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have known, some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him. But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you."* (Deuteronomy 13:6-11, ESV)

16b) Passion For Submission **"Lord your God will give (Act.Part) over"** - *"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.*" (John 10:17-19, ESV)

16c) Passion For Holiness **"Eye not pity (Impf)"** - *"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"* (Matthew 6:22-23, ESV)

16d) Passion For Worship **"Neither serve (Impf) their gods"** - *"But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let remain shall be as barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land where you dwell."* (Numbers 33:55, ESV)

16e) Passion For Perseverance **"Snare"** - *"take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? - that I also may do the same.' You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods."* (Deuteronomy 12:30-31, ESV)

- **Illustration: 1) Reality of false doctrine 2) Call to divine sacrifice 3) Worship & Serve self**
4) The snare

- **Argumentation: 1) "Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? 2) Why are we in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! 3) What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." 4) Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame." (1 Corinthians 15:29-34, ESV)**

- **Application: How Have You Lost Your Passion?**

Lord, take my life, And make it wholly Thine; Fill my poor heart With Thy great love divine.
Take all my will, My passion, self and pride; I now surrender, Lord In me abide.

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