

“And Liberty For All”
Deuteronomy 12: 15 - 19
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Loving God Coventally Requires The Circumcision Of Your Heart And Not Exclusively Your Flesh, (vs. 16)

To Enjoy God’s Covenant Requires A Change Of Focus; Not Just Keeping Rules, (vs. 15 – 19)

Grace... Gifting... Growth... Guarantee

Message Emphasis: Many today do not see that there is great liberty within their covenantal relationship with God. Rather, many have oversimplified their relationship with God into a list of “Do’s & Don’ts.” We must understand that though God has placed restrictions upon His people, those restrictions set the boundaries by which God’s people live with a lot of latitude in daily affairs.

“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” (John 10:9, ESV)

1) God’s Covenant Relationship Grants Us Great Liberty In The Enjoyment Of God’ Blessings, (vs. 15)

- God’s blessings are given to be enjoyed *What God has provided is intended to be enjoyed by His people. How are you restricting this?*
However, you may slaughter (Impf) and eat (Perf) meat within any of your towns, as much as you desire, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given (Perf) you.
- God’s blessings are given not on the basis of merit *God has provided based ONLY on His good pleasure. How are you earning this?*
The unclean and the clean may eat of it,
- God’s blessings are not confined to just religious observance *God superintends all areas of our life. How are avoiding this?*
as of the gazelle and as of the deer. Only you shall not eat (Impf) the blood; you shall pour (Impf) it out on the earth like water.

“Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.” (Acts 13:38–39, ESV)

2) God’s Covenant Relationship Establishes Clear Boundaries In The Setting Apart Of His People, (vs. 16 – 18)

- We are not at liberty to WORSHIP as we choose *Proper worship keeps us in step with God. How does your worship change you?*
You may not eat (Inf. Cons) within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of your vow (Impf) offerings that you vow, or your freewill offerings or the contribution that you present,
- We are not at liberty to FELLOWSHIP as we choose *Proper fellowship keeps us near to God. How does your fellowship encourage you?*
but you shall eat (Impf) them before the LORD your God in the place that the LORD your God will choose (Impf),
- We are not at liberty to DISCIPLESHIP as we choose *Proper discipleship keeps us attentive to God. How does your teaching grow you?*
you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your towns.
- We are not at liberty to STEWARDSHIP as we choose *Proper stewardship keeps us seeking after God. How does dependence humble you?*
And you shall rejoice (Perf) before the LORD your God in all that you undertake.

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:19–22, ESV)

3) God’s Covenant Relationship Requires Personal Responsibility In The Fulfillment Of God’s Commands, (vs. 19)

- Our corporate life is a good indication of where we are
Take care (Impv) that you do not neglect (Impf) the Levite as long as you live in your land.

*****How Do I Enter Into A Covenant Relationship With God? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you find the liberty you desire to have.

11. To Enjoy God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Choice Of Holiness, (vs. 20 - 28)
12. To Enjoy God's Covenant Ensures God's Active Purity Among His People, (vs. 29 - 32)
13. To Enjoy God's Covenant Begins With Loving God Exclusively; Treating All Others With Impunity, (13: 1 - 5)
14. To Enjoy God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Genuine Love; Not Just Tolerance, (vs. 6 - 11)
15. To Enjoy God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Standard Of Purity, (vs. 12 - 18)
16. To Enjoy God's Covenant Ensures God's Eternal Possession Of His People, (vs. 14: 1 - 2)