

"For Pity's Sake"
Practical Expressions of Holiness
Deuteronomy 7: 17 - 26
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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-connect With The World, (vs. 17 - 26)
3. As A Holy People, We Must Not Forget The Divine Word Of The Lord, (vs. 22 - 23)

➤ **Exposition:**

22a) We Must Not Be Impatient With The Lord's Work

"Lord Clear (Perf) Little By Little" -

"They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses." (Judges 3:4, ESV)

22b) We Must Not Be Disapproving With The Lord's Progress

"Not At Once" -

"Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them." (Hosea 14:9, ESV)

23a) We Must Not Be Dissatisfied With The Lord's Plan

"Lord Will Give (Perf)" -

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7, ESV)

23b) We Must Not Be Disquieted With The Lord's Purpose

"Lord Will Throw (Perf) Into Confusion" -

"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:14-16, ESV)

23c) We Must Not Be Impenitent With The Lord's Word

"Are Destroyed" -

"This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering - since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." (2 Thessalonians 1:5-8, ESV)

- **Illustration:** 1) **Impenitence brings judgment** 2) **Christ will be glorified** 3) **Penitence from witness**
- **Application:** 1) *"They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 2) when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and 3) to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed."* (2 Thessalonians 1:9-10, ESV)

How is your impenitence shown in... impatience... disapproval... dissatisfaction... disquiet?

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

4. As A Holy People, We Must Not Forget The Divine Name Of The Lord, (vs. 24)
5. As A Holy People, We Must Not Forget The Divine Worship Of The Lord, (vs. 25)
6. As A Holy People, We Must Not Forget The Divine Purity Of The Lord, (vs. 26)