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Chapters 12-26

Chapters 1-11: History | 10 commandments, ark | Love, Trust & Obey God

Chapters 12-26: Expansion of laws to specific situations

Laws

ceremonial laws (ex. feasts, Ch.12)

civil laws (ex. Land disputes, Ch.19)

moral laws (ex. Murder, Chapter 21)

sundry laws (ex. Diet, Ch.14)

Do the OT laws apply to NT believers?

Yes | No | Yes & No | Not sure

(for future discussion)

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#1. How must we prepare for worship?

Worship

WORSHIP: we acknowledge that God is 'worthy'

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:11)

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing (Revelation 5:12)

Worship ... IS NOT

intercessory prayer | confession prayer | thanksgiving prayer

Preparing for Worship (1-5)

¹ These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

² Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

³ And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

⁴ Ye shall not do so unto the Lord your God.

⁵ But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

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Prepared to worship by being Chosen by God

Prepared to worship by decisively dealing with sinful influences (idols)

- Destroy the idols & the heathen places of worship (2-3)
- And I **took your sin, the calf** which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount

(Deuteronomy 9:21)

Prepared to worship by going to a specific place chosen by God (5)

- God was taking them from Egypt to a different place (11:10)
- In this different place, the rules of worship must be different
- It is a place where sacrifices and offerings will be made

Where is this chosen place? (next slide)

The chosen place for worship in the Promised land

Where is this place?

Shiloh And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them (**Joshua 18:1**)

In the promised land, Israelites traveled for corporate worship and sacrifices to this place.

Later, temple built at the same place.

**Do not
worship like
the Canaanites**

Worship of Heathen

- Worship of idols, often multiple gods
- Worship is often immoral and pursued for personal pleasures
- Worship includes Satanic and demonic practices

**#2. What must we do
at the 'chosen
place' of worship?**

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⁶ And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: ⁷ And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

⁸ Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes. ⁹ For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God giveth you.

¹⁰ But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; ¹¹ Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord:

¹² And ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

¹³ Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest:

¹⁴ But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and **there thou shalt do all that I command thee.**

From Egypt to a 'chosen place'

For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt
(Deuteronomy 11:10)

Israelites were going to a “chosen place” ... A chosen generation going to a
chosen place after nearly 400 years in Egypt and 40 years in the wilderness

God does not lead us to a new place without a plan.

The plan for Israelites in the chosen land included a new and elevated worship
experience. God gave the principles and pattern for worship.

The 'chosen place' ...

Emphasis on the “chosen place”

Old places to be destroyed (2,3)

Replaced with a new chosen place

But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come (5)

Thither you shall bring 7 items (6,11)

There ye shall eat & rejoice (7)

But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command the (14)

What must we do in that chosen place?: Summary (6-14, 26)

- I. Bring seven items (6,11)
- II. Eat and rejoice with your family, servants and Levites (7, 12)
- III. Do not do what every man pleases ... there is a divine order (8)
- IV. Do not go to a different place (13)
- V. Do “all” that I command thee (14)
- VI. Do not bring unholy things (26)

I. What to bring (6)

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Burnt offerings

Sacrifices

Tithes

Vows

Heave offerings

Freewill offerings

Firstlings

What to bring?

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Burnt offerings

- Given to God fully (Leviticus 1; other offerings shared among God, priests and people)

Sacrifices

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God (Hebrews 10:12)

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased (Hebrews 13:15-16)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1)

Tithes (Numbers 18, Deuteronomy 14:22-29)

What to bring? (cont.)

- **Heave offering (special gifts)**

- **Freewill offerings**

- **Vows**

When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. ²² But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. ²³ That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth (Deuteronomy 23:21-23)

- **Firstlings**

All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep (Deuteronomy 15:19)

ii. eat & rejoice

⁷ And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

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Eat &

Rejoice before the Lord (so that we don't forget the source of blessing)

Rejoice as a family with servants and Levites (7, 12, 18)

Rejoice with ... strangers, fatherless, widows

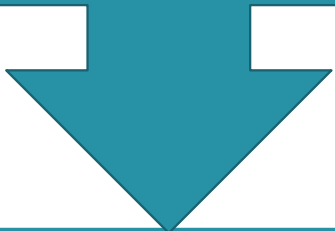
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Worship is a time of rejoicing for all!

iii. Follow instructions

Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes (8)

Do not do as your heart pleases or as others are doing



... follow God's divine order

iv. Do not look elsewhere

¹³ Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest:

¹⁴ But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings,

Don't be attracted to alternate sites

There is something special about God's people gathering for worship (such as at Bethany)

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is (Hebrews 10:25)

Offer sacrifices only at the place chosen by God

- Worshipping at home cannot substitute for worship at Lord's house

v. Complete obedience

¹⁴ But in the place which the Lord shall choose ... do all that I command thee.


Practice complete obedience

(partial or delayed obedience = disobedience in God's eyes)

vi. Take only
holy things to
the 'chosen
place'

Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the Lord shall choose (26)

- Let us keep 'holy' places sacred and show reverence
- Don't adulterate holy with unholy
- Also applies to our bodies as the 'temple of the holy spirit' ... don't abuse the body, physically or spiritually.



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#3. What instructions are given with regard to eating? What must we do with blood?

Freedom to eat (15, 20-22)

- Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart (15)
- ²⁰ When the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after. ²¹ If the place which the Lord thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the Lord hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after. ²² Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

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- Can kill and eat all flesh that is not forbidden (Leviticus 11); both clean and the unclean people can eat regular food not offered as sacrifice (15, 20-22)
 - Need not take it to the “chosen place” before eating, if place too far (21)

Treatment of blood (16, 23-25, 27)

- Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water (16)
- Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh. Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water. Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the Lord(23-25)
- And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the Lord thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the Lord thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh (27)
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- Blood must be completely drained out before eating.
 - Pour blood (from flesh for regular consumption) back to earth (16, 24)
 - Pour blood (from flesh for sacrifices) by the altar (27)
 - always obey ... Do what is right (25)

Why?

(Leviticus 17:11-14)

¹¹ **For the life of the flesh is in the blood:** and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.¹² Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. ¹³ And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.¹⁴ **For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof:** therefore, I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

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- Blood is a symbol of life
- Blood is precious ... used for sacrifices.
- And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission (**Hebrews 9:22**) We are redeemed by the blood of Christ (**Ephesians 2:13, I Peter 1:19**)

Freedom to
eat but be
sensitive to
others

It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak (**Romans 14:21**)

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God (**I Corinthians 10:31**)

**Blessing of
obedience ...
another
reminder (28)**

Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord thy God (28)

Obedience leads to blessings that flow to the next generation!

Our obedience impacts the next generation!

**#4. Why must we not
inquire of the idolatrous
practice of heathen?**

Pay attention
... don't get
snared
(trapped) by
heathens

²⁹ When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;

³⁰ **Take heed** to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

³¹ Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

³² What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

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Do not seek to learn about heathen gods and their worship practices

- Curiosity can lead us astray
- Heathen nations must not become our role models for worship
- Heathen nations have worshipped false gods/idols, sought personal pleasure through worship, and practiced abominable things (like sacrificing their own children, 31)
- The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord (Proverbs 15:8)

- Surprisingly, children worship started with King Solomon (lead astray by his heathen wives) ... it was put to an end by King Josiah (II Kings 23:10)

⁶ And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father. ⁷ Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. (I Kings 11:6-7)

Final instructions

³² What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Obey 100%

Do not edit God's instructions! (be it worship instructions or anything else)
(Deuteronomy 4:2)

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