

Deuteronomy

Lesson 5 Deuteronomy 13-15

Having made clear the importance of properly worshiping God in the previous chapter, Moses now begins to give commands regarding false prophets and idolatry (Chapter 13). There were to be strict punishments for those who sought to bring idols among God's people, whether they were your family or friend you were to remain faithful to the LORD first. This faithfulness to God was to be demonstrated in more than just the removal of idolatry from among the people, they were also to keep themselves from certain animals, which God called unclean, as well as other practices that served the purpose of holiness among God's people (Chapter 14). The final focus of this lesson covers the laws concerning the Sabbatic Year of God's people. This seventh year would be a time of release from debt, servitude, etc. To remind the people of their freedom which the LORD had made possible.

Notes

Homework:

As you read through chapters 13-15 note the times the holiness of God's people is mentioned. How do the laws God is giving them help them to be holy?

Questions:

1. What do the commands regarding idolatry teach us about family responsibility and relationships and our relationship with God?
2. What is the purpose in God calling some animals clean and others unclean?
3. Why did Moses remind the people of their duty to the Levite?
4. How was the Sabbatic year to help God's people fulfill the command to love their neighbor?