

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#33] *Set Apart as God's Treasured People* – Deuteronomy 14:1–21

Sermon Outline – April 22, 2018

Children's Sermon: What do You Talk About?

- Legos, Volleyball & Mountain Tops...
- What/Who do you like to think and talk about? (e.g. A Magician...)
- In Isaiah 26:8-9 what are they thinking & singing about? What's the problem 10

Isaiah 26:8–10 (NLT; Cf. 25:8 - swallow up death, wipe tears)

⁸ **Lord**, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws; *our heart's desire is to glorify your name*. ⁹ In the night I search for you; in the morning I earnestly seek you. For only when you come to judge the earth will people learn what is right. ¹⁰ Your kindness to the wicked does not make them do good. Although others do right, the wicked keep doing wrong and take no notice of the Lord's majesty.

What Does it Mean to Take Yahweh's Name?

Notes:

In a sermon by Ligon Duncan:

"whenever you take up God's name, make sure you take it up aware of His holiness and consistently with His holiness. Don't claim His name unless you treat it with reverence and respect. ... If we claim to be the people of God and then live as if we are not, we take His name in vain." ⁱ

God Married Us! (Isaiah 62:1–5; Rev. 3:12)

It means that being chosen to be treasured by God matters most to us.

1. Willing to purge the evil from your midst... (13)
2. "You shall not eat any abomination." (14:3)

Why did God Give Israel Food Laws? (14:1-21)

(To mark/keep them as His treasured possession)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Israel's daily obedience to the food laws would reveal that they belonged to Yahweh and would separate them from the surrounding nations.



Why These Animals? (Clean, Unclean & Holy? Cf. Lev. 11)

1. Eating blood (Cf. Genesis 9:3–4)
2. Normal animals (Land, Sea, Birds & Flying Insects)

3. God's sovereign choice (Picture of Israel)

Marked as Yahweh's People:

1. The Structure of the Text (See text on back)
2. Daily, Ordinary Obedience to the Covenant
3. Hospitality was to Go in One Direction

Acts 10:28

²⁸ And he said to them, “*You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation...*”

4. **Note:** Clean Food vs. Holy Food (Access to Yahweh...)

What Does this Have to Do with Jesus?

The daily food Jesus ate, (for the Fathers Glory and our good),
reveals that he is loved by the Father.

John 4:22, 34

²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for *salvation is from the Jews.* ...

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.**”

Mark 7:14–23

¹⁴ ...“Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”... ¹⁸ ...Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (*Thus he declared all foods clean.*) ²⁰ And he said, “**What comes out of a person is what defiles him.**” ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery...”

The Daily Covenant Loyalty of Jesus

John 5:19–21

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, *the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing.* For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ **For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And**

greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

Food Laws Removed to Include Gentiles

Acts 10:10–16, 28

¹⁰ And [Peter] became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were *all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air*. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: “Rise, **Peter; kill and eat.**” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, “**What God has made clean, do not call common.**” ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. ...

²⁸ And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, **but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.**”

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time *separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise*, having no hope and *without God in the world*. ¹³ **But now in Christ Jesus** you who once were far off *have been brought near by the blood of Christ*. ... ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...

How are We Marked Out as God’s Treasured People?

...Fired at our Life & Heart

God marks and protects us with his love. (Rom 5:5)
Do you find it hard to stop thinking and talking about the glory of our husband? Do you long to be like Him?



I. No Pagan Worship because You Belong to the LORD

¹ “You are the sons of the Lord your God. You shall not cut yourselves or make any baldness on your foreheads for the dead. ² ***For you are a people holy to the Lord your God,*** and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

II. Yahweh is Lord of Israel's Diet

³ ***“You shall not eat any abomination.*** ⁴ *These are the animals you may eat:* the ox, the sheep, the goat, ⁵ the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope, and the mountain sheep. ⁶ Every animal that parts the hoof and has the hoof cloven in two and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat. ⁷ Yet of those that chew the cud or have the hoof cloven *you shall not eat these:* the camel, the hare, and the rock badger, because they chew the cud but do not part the hoof, are unclean for you. ⁸ And the pig, because it parts the hoof but does not chew the cud, is unclean for you. ***Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch.***

⁹ “Of all that are in the waters *you may eat these:* whatever has fins and scales you may eat. ¹⁰ And whatever does not have fins and scales *you shall not eat;* it is unclean for you.

¹¹ *“You may eat all clean birds.* ¹² But *these are the ones that you shall not eat:* the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, ¹³ the kite, the falcon of any kind; ¹⁴ every raven of any kind; ¹⁵ the ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, the hawk of any kind; ¹⁶ the little owl and the short-eared owl, the barn owl ¹⁷ and the tawny owl, the carrion vulture and the cormorant, ¹⁸ the stork, the heron of any kind; the hoopoe and the bat. ¹⁹ *And all winged insects are unclean for you;* they shall not be eaten. ²⁰ *All clean winged things you may eat.*

III. You are Set Apart from Other Peoples for the LORD.

So, No Pagan Worship

²¹ *“You shall not eat anything that has died naturally.* You may give it to the sojourner who is within your towns, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner. ***For you are a people holy to the Lord your God.***

“You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk. ...

ⁱ Sermon by J. Ligon Duncan on Mar 24, 2002. Exodus 20:7. *The Third Commandment: Do Not Wrongly Take God's Name*