

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#34] *How has God Marked Us as His Treasured People?* – Dt. 12:32–14:21

Sermon Outline – April 29, 2018

Children's Sermon: Why don't we listen?

- How good are you at listening to correction? Why do you think that is?
- If you had a choice to have the Bible read and explained to you or to watch a tv show you liked, which would you chose? Why do you think that is?

Genesis 3:1, 6

“Did God actually say...”

⁶ So *when the woman saw* that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise...

What Does it Mean to Take Jesus' Name?

1. Not Tolerating Wicked Apostasy ... (13)
2. We are Marked & Protected by Jesus because We are Treasured (14)

Notes:

Clear Biblical Bullet

Jesus loves His bride with a passionate, jealous love.



In Love, Jesus Judges the Wicked?!

Illustration: The Greatest Showman - P.T. Barnum, Charity & Jenny Lind

“Idolatry occurs when anything created to point you to God replaces God in the thoughts and desires of your heart.” ¹

The Wicked are Defined: Anyone who tries to seduce us away from God & His Word, (i.e. from trusting Him, & loving/obeying Him).

Jesus takes responsibility for our wickedness! (Cross)

The love of Jesus compels us to take responsibility for unrepentant sin in God's household.

1. A Love that Mercifully Warns the Wicked
2. A Love that Protects God's Bride/Family

¹ Tripp, Paul David. *New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional* (Kindle Locations 6857-6858). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

2 Corinthians 5:14–15

¹⁴ For the *love of Christ controls us*, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ *and he died for all, that* those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

1 Corinthians 5:4–6

⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵ you are to *deliver this man to Satan* for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. ⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

Jesus Marks and Protects his Bride

Jesus Gave His Daily, Faithful Love for Us

1. Faith/Trust (The Temptation of Adam/Jesus; God's Word)
2. Love (Obedience: God's glory/our eternal good)
 - ✓ The love of Jesus didn't always please people.
 - ✓ The love of Jesus did not secure any earthly benefits.
 - ✓ The love of Jesus is what got him hated & killed.

Romans 5:8

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**. ...⁸ *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Jesus Gave His Daily, Faithful Love to Us

Romans 5:2–8

² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into *this grace in which we stand*, and *we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* ³ Not only that, but *we rejoice in our sufferings*, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and *hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.* ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time **Christ died**

for the ungodly. — ⁸ *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

God's People are Marked by the Holy Spirit (not food laws)

1. We are marked by a confidence in God & His Word.
2. We are marked by a love for Jesus not this world.
3. We are marked by a love for the church (Cf. 1 Jn. 4:20)
4. Trusting/Loving through Sufferings, Like Jesus!

2 Timothy 1:8–14

⁸ Therefore *do not be ashamed of the testimony* about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but ***share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,*** ⁹ who saved us and called us to *a holy calling,* not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus *before the ages began,* ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of **our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,** ¹¹ *for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,* ¹² *which is why I suffer as I do.* But *I am not ashamed,* for I know whom I have believed, and ***I am convinced that he is able to guard*** until that day *what has been entrusted to me.* ¹³ **Follow the pattern** of the sound words that you have heard from me, *in the faith and love* that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ **By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.**

Are You Marked with the Love of Jesus?

(i.e. Are you a Spirit Born Christian?)

God's Word and His people
are the only two things in this life that are eternal!

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Let us give ourselves to loving the eternal: protecting & cultivating *the culture of heaven* and *the character of Christ* with the Word, in the power of the Spirit.



Protecting = **discipline** & Cultivating = **discipleship**

This is What it Means to Take Jesus' Name!

1. It means you (pl.) are married to Jesus and you care most about protecting that covenant.
2. It means you are willing to engage any idolatry you encounter in the church.
3. It means you are prayerfully engaged as an active member of a local church, helping your brothers & sisters grow into Christlikeness.
4. It means you actively join Jesus in looking for his lost sheep.

Deuteronomy 12:32-14:21

I. Do not Tolerate Wicked Apostasy

- A. Yahweh's Word is to be Carefully Obeyed (12:32)
 - ³² *“Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.*
- B. Purge the Evil Rebellion from Israel (13:1-16)
 1. The Wicked Prophet/Dreamer (1-5)
 2. Wicked Family or Friends (6-11)
 3. An Apostate Town (12-16)
- C. Mercy If Yahweh's Word is Carefully Obeyed (17-18)
 - ¹⁷ *None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand, that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers,*
 - ¹⁸ *if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping all his commandments that I am commanding you today, and doing what is right in the sight of the Lord your God.*

II. Israel is Marked & Protected because they are Treasured by Yahweh

- A. No Pagan Worship because You Belong to the LORD (1-2)
 - 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.*
- B. Yahweh Puts Israel on an Exclusive Diet (3-20)
- C. You are Set Apart from Other Peoples for the LORD. So, No Pagan Worship (21)
 - 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.*