

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Regulated Worship Deuteronomy 12

Book of Deuteronomy

Covenant Form

1. Historical Prologue (Deut. 1-4)
2. General Stipulations (Deut. 5-11)
3. Specific Stipulations (Deut. 12-26)
4. Blessings and Curses (Deut. 27-28)

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1. The destruction of idolatrous worship
 - every place and object of Canaanite worship was to be destroyed
 - this was to protect Israel from syncretism and idolatry

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2. The centralization of true worship
 - the location of Israel's worship would be the place the Lord would choose
 - all offerings were to be brought to the central sanctuary and offered in the manner the Lord had prescribed

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2. The centralization of true worship
 - Why?
 - to help preserve the purity of their worship
 - the outward forms of worship were instructive of essential realities

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3. The provision for non-sacrificial feasting
 - God allowed Israel to slaughter animals and eat meat apart from the sacrificial ritual
 - They were not allowed to eat the blood of any animal, sacrificial or non-sacrificial

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Application

1. Acceptable worship is regulated by God on His terms alone

- All self-made worship is idolatrous and will result in judgment/death
- True worship must be governed by God's Word

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2. Today, Jesus Christ is the locus of all true worship of God

- Jesus fulfills what the sanctuary pictured – He is the true temple (John 2:19)
- All true worship of God must be in the name and person of Jesus