

SESSION #32 (19 October 2010); Deut 13:6-18; No False Prophets in Families or Local Communities

I. INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

1:1-5	Introduction to God's spokesman, the 1 st Prophet Moses
1:6 - 4:40	1 st Exposition of the Torah = <u>motivation</u> to obey from (1) <u>past gracious actions</u> of Yahweh and (2) sovereign <u>destiny</u> of the nation (<u>future gracious actions</u> of Yahweh)
4:41-49	Editorial comment on context of 2 nd Exposition of the Torah
5:1 - 26:19	2 nd Exposition of the Torah = proper response to Yahweh in heart and soul
5:1 - 11:32	Loving Yahweh with <u>all the heart</u>
12:1 - 26:19	Loving Yahweh with <u>all the soul</u> (<i>nephesh</i> =life)
12:1-31	Theological unity of Israel's tribes (1 st , 2 nd , 10 th commandments)
12:32 - 13:18	Enforcement of Theological Orthodoxy (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th commandments)
12:32 - 13:5	Enforcement upon the Prophets
13:6-11	Enforcement upon Loved Ones
13:12-18	Enforcement upon Local Communities

Use of these narratives in our Christian life

1. Concept of a "sacred space" inside the creation where God's Presence dwells (not omnipresence here, but a special location where communication [occurs])
2. [Clear changes] occur from dispensation to dispensation
 - (1) theocracy of ancient Israel
 - (2) future Millennial Kingdom (**Zech 13:2-6**)
 - (3) this Church Age (supra-national in-gathering from every people group to become the Royal Family in the coming Kingdom) [Indwelling] Holy Spirit

Review Session #31

Deut 12:32 What does this statement imply about the doctrine of inspiration of Scripture?

What are the framework supports for this doctrine?

13:3-4 testing you

What are some implications of this for our sanctification?

13:4 after Yahweh your God you will walk;

Him you will fear

His commandments you will keep;

His voice you will hear

Him you will serve;

To Him you will cling

What is the emphasis here? The people or the Lord?

13:5 put to death. . .because he has spoken rebellion (Heb: *sarah*) against Yahweh

Note vocabulary of **Jer 28** here

Who brought you out. . .and ransomed you from the house of bondage. . .

Here is the justification for such severe judgment: destruction of God's saving work

You will burn evil from your midst

Phrase occurs 9X from here to chapter 24

II. ENFORCEMENT UPON LOVED ONES (13:6-11)

13:6 Your brother, son of your mother (not half-brother)

Your son

Your daughter

The wife of your bosom

Your friend as your nephesh (gang peer pressure)

What is the emphasis?

secretly entice. . .

Cf. **Matt 10:37** (discipleship = sanctification's demand)

go and serve. . .

This is case-law extension of **13:1-5**

13:7 gods. . .near and far

Absolute exclusivity

What is the framework support for this insistence? [call of Ab]

Without the biblically revealed Triune God, there is no moral authority to undergird politics → **constant "irritation" to unbelieving society**, including conservative polytheists

Otherwise, we violate commandments 1-2-3 directly and 9-10 indirectly.

13:8 You will not be willing to him

You will not hear him

Your eyes will not pity him

You will not spare

You will not cover over him

13:9 your hand. . .first. . .

Capital punishment involved the witnesses to the crime (see **Deut 17:7; Acts 7**)

Cf **John 8:7** (Jesus's point that capital punishment must be applied justly and wisely)

13:11 hear and fear

Does capital punishment deter?

What do these case laws say about human emotion and moral judgment?

What does this say about family and the authority of Scripture?

III. ENFORCEMENT UPON LOCAL COMMUNITIES (13:12-18)

13:12 cities which Yahweh your God is giving you
cities are His gift

13:13 worthless men

God's evaluation of their 'true value'

thrust out (cause to stray from a herd)

only a few are needed to corrupt the whole town!

saying. . .

not necessarily explicit.

13:14 search out

capital punishment administered with tight controls

13:15 must slaughter (Inf Abs)

Holy War directed against this city → holy war isn't "racial"
all that is in it

13:16 heap (tell) forever

never to be re-built as was the custom

[Economic] barrier against coveting. (commandment 10)

13:17 remain in your hand

13:18 keep all His commandments

Commandments 1-2-3

IV. CONCLUSION

This is a picture of what *sanctification* looks like.

A. Fore-view of what the coming Kingdom of God will look like in MK form (when sin still exists)

- Physical space here and then; not merely heart space
- Global domination by Jesus Christ over all people groups
- Capital punishment will occur

B. Inward view of the spiritual battle we fight now in our hearts

Holy Spirit indwells every believer (**John 14:15-24**)

Trinity makes its home in the heart → meeting place

- **1 John 1:5 - 2:1** fellowship with the Father [confession for cleansing] → **2:15-17**
Father is permanent and eternal; the world is temporary

- 2:2-6 fellowship with the Son [treating His commandments as God's commandments] → 2:22-27 HS illumination of the NT truths
- 2:7-11 fellowship with the Spirit [recognizing His work in fellow believers] → 3:12-13 "offense" of simply being an observable source of the HS's work in the hostile world

C. Our battle today is to prepare us for life in the royal family of the MK

