

"From Where We Stand"
Deuteronomy 7: 12 - 16
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"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Purity In Identity, Nature, Station & Might, (1 - 26)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-exchange With The World, (vs. 12 - 16)

3. As God's Beloved People, Our View Of Life Is Different, (vs. 15)

➤ **Exposition: 15a) Correct View Of God's Sovereignty In Sickness**

"Take" - to turn aside (Perf);

"While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him." (Luke 5:12-13, ESV)

15b) Correct View Of Godly Strength

"Weakness" LXX - softness (delicate, effeminate);

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10-11, ESV)

15c) Correct View Of Divine Judgment On Sinfulness

"Evil Disease" plagues, judgment;

"As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." (John 9:1-3, ESV)

15d) Correct View Of The Dangers Of Worldliness

"Knew" - LXX; ὁράω to see, understand (Perf);

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:15-17, ESV)

15e) Correct View Of Eternal Healing

"Lay on (Perf)" / "Who hate (Part)";

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)

➤ **Illustration: 1) Clear revelation of God's purpose 2) Clear authority to forgive 3) Clear call to glorify God**

➤ **Argumentation: 1) "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 2) But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he said to the paralytic - "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 3) And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (Mark 2:9-12, ESV)**

➤ **Application: How do you have a worldly view of God's activity in health & life?**

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

4. As God's Beloved People, Our Fidelity Is Different, (vs. 16)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-connect With The World, (vs. 17 - 26)