**“How will you respond to the Faithfulness of God?” #07**

June 19th 2022 ---- Deuteronomy 7:1-26

**“God is Faithful to Those He Chose”**

1. A people, holy and treasured (7:1-6)
2. A people, loved and chosen (7:6-11)
3. A people, blessed and delivered (7:12-21)
4. A people, protected and appointed (7:22-26)

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Questions for discussion on Deuteronomy 7:1-26

*Group leaders: You have the freedom to ask & answer questions*

*"out of order" or simply choose which to discuss.*

1. What do you really value? Your spouse? Your Children? Your home? Your friendships? Your toys? How do you treat those things or people? How do you show you treasure them by your actions and your words?
2. Read Deuteronomy 7:1-6. God says that Israel are a people “holy to the Lord” and a “treasured possession.” What do you think those two terms mean? Why would God want Israel’s identity rooted in these ideas?
3. Read Genesis 15:12-20. Given what you just read in v. 7:1-6, why does God command Israel to occupy the Promised Land and purge these nations from it? Talk about how this meshes with God’s specific command not to attack or occupy certain lands earlier in Deuteronomy.
4. Read Deuteronomy 7:6-11. What are the specific reasons that God has chosen Israel? What are *not* the reasons? Why is it important for Israel to know that God’s love for them does not start with their obedience or power or might? What is Israel supposed to learn from all of this?
5. Read vv.9-10 and Exodus 34:6-7. How are they similar? How are they different? What do these passages reveal about who God really is?
6. Read v.11-15. What are the blessings that will come to Israel as they keep the covenant that they have made with God? Do they earn these blessings by keeping the covenant or do they keep it for other reasons?
7. Read v.16-21. What fears does God anticipate from His people in light of what He has called them to do? Why does He anticipate this? What two solutions does He give for them to not be afraid and obey? Why are they likewise commanded to not pity these nations, along with fearing them?
8. Read v.22-26. God says in verses 9-10 that He will repay those who hate Him, face to face. How do you see God using Israel as His appointed ambassador to bring about that repayment to these peoples? What warnings does He give Israel in this conquest? How do might these warnings be seen as a protection for them in their obedience?
9. The last warning here in v.26 is that if they bring in abominable things that should be devoted to destruction, then they themselves shall in turn be devoted to destruction. Why is this? Why is it crucial for God’s people to understand that they are “holy and treasured” instead of “hated and devoted to destruction” by God? How does that apply to believers today?