

Separating from The worldly systems of thought

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Old Testament principles

& how they apply in the church age

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2. Emphasizing the importance of obedience, aligning our thinking to God's will

Deuteronomy 3:23-29 (NKJV)

23 "Then I pleaded with the Lord at that time, saying:
24 "O Lord God, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?
25 I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon."
26 "But the Lord was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the Lord said to me:
"Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.
27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.
28 But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see."
29 "So we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

3. Separating from man's system of thinking & aligning our thinking to God's will

Deuteronomy 7:1-8 (NKJV)

1 "When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Gishgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,
2 and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, **you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.**
3 Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.
4 For **they will turn your sons away from following Me**, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.
5 But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.
6 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God: the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.
7 The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people;
8 **but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers**, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deadly influence from this world's system of thinking

John 3:16 (NKJV)
16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

6. God's word specific to Israel & general principles for people of all nations

Deuteronomy 11:18-25 (NKJV)

18 "Therefore **you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul**, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

21 That your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.
22 "For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—
23 then the Lord will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves.
24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory.
25 No man shall be able to stand against you; the Lord your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.

Promises to the children of Israel / the nation Israel

4. #1 priority: God's revealed word

Versus 14-17 is context for versus 18-20

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (NKJV)

14 "When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,'
15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.
16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'
17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

John 14:15 (NASB95)
15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that **he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book**, from the one before the priests, the Levites.

Five reasons to read God's revealed word daily:

19 And it shall be with him, and **he shall read it all the days of his life**.

#1 that he may learn to fear the Lord his God
#2 and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes;
#3 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren,
#4 that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left,
#5 and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

5. The best possible outcome will result from obedience

Jeremiah 7:23 (NKJV)

23 But this is what I commanded them, saying, "**Obey My voice**, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, **that it may be well with you.**"

Genesis 26:34-35 (NKJV)

34 When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri **the Hittite** and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.
35 And **they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.**

Deuteronomy 20:16-18 (NKJV)

16 "But of the cities of these peoples which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive.
17 **but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite**, just as the Lord your God has commanded you,
18 **lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations** which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the Lord your God.

Judges 2:1-6 (NKJV)

1 Now these are the nations which the Lord left, that He might test Israel by them, that is, all who had not known any of the wars in Canaan
2 [this was only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it],
3 namely, five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwell in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath.
4 And they were left, that He might test Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the **commandments of the Lord**, which He had **commanded** their fathers by the hand of Moses.
5 Thus the children of Israel dwell among the Canaanites, **the Hittite the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites**.
6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; **and they served their gods.**

The command was to utterly destroy them

Joshua 2:1-15 (NKJV)

1 And it came to pass when all the kings who were on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon—the **Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite**—heard about it,
2 that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.
3 **But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai,**
4 **they worked craftily**, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended,
5 old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.
6 And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."
7 Then the men of Israel said to the **Hivites**, "Perhaps you dwell among us; so how can we make a covenant with you?"
8 But they said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?"
9 So they said to him: "From a very far country your servants have come, because of the name of the Lord your God; for we have heard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt,
10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashteroth.
11 Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We are your servants; now therefore, make a covenant with us."
12 This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and moldy.
13 And these wineskins which we filled were new, and see, they are torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey."
14 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; **but they did not ask counsel of the Lord.**
15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

6. Separating from the deceptive enticer:

Deuteronomy 13:6-11 (NKJV)

6 "If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, **secretly entices you** saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers,
7 or if the gods of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth,
8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him;
9 but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.
10 And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, **because he sought to entice you away from the Lord your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
11 So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

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Exodus 20:3-4 (NKJV)

3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
4 "Honor your father and mother;" which is the first commandment with promise.
5 **that it may be well with you** and you may live long on the earth.
6 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.