



“Snares”

Entangling Believers
Deuteronomy 12:29-32

Being careful not to:

I. Copy – “even so will I do likewise” (vs. 29-30)

Careful imitating their:

- A. Culture** – “*thou succeed them, and dwell in their land*”
- B. Corruption** – “*Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared*”
- C. Curiosity** - “*How did these nations serve their gods*”

II. Condone – “Thou shall not do so unto the Lord thy God” (v. 31)

Careful not to approve that which is:

- A. Hated** - “*every abomination to the Lord which He hates*”
- B. Harmful** – “*their sons, and their daughters they have burnt*”
- C. Heathen** – “*to their gods*”

III. Corrupt – “observe to do it” (v. 32)

Careful not to confuse what God calls:

- A. Liberty** – “*what thing soever I command you*”
- B. Legalism** – “*thou shall not add thereto*”
- C. License** – “*nor diminish from it*”

Sentence Sermon

*Even the blessings from God can become a snare to us
if we focus on the blessings rather than the Blesser.*

Additional Verses

- *I Timothy 6:9*
- *Deuteronomy 7:16, 25*
- *I Corinthians 15:33*
- *Hebrews 12:1*
- *I Corinthians 10:12*
- *Proverbs 30:7-9*
- *I Timothy 3:7*
- *Revelation 22:18-19*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why is verse 29 so detailed in the description of Israel living in promise land?
4. Why did God say that Israel could be snared by following the Canaanites?
5. When is curiosity a bad thing?
6. How do Christians today serve other gods like the Canaanites?
7. What are the abominations being referenced in verse 31?
8. How is our society sacrificing our sons and our daughters?
9. What are the dangers of adding to God’s word? How about subtracting?
10. When are you most easily snared, good times or hard times? Explain.
11. What about our society today presents the greatest snare to believers?
12. What is your strategy to prevent yourself from being spiritually snared?