

**“The Heart’s Inter-Change”**  
**“Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be Also.”**  
**Deuteronomy 7: 1 - 26**  
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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-mix With The World, (vs. 1 - 5)

**A. There is a qualitative difference between God’s people and the world, (vs. 1)**

1. The Lord is the distinguisher of persons, all people are viewed by His standards, (vs. 1a); *““When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”” (Matthew 25:31-46, ESV)*
  
2. The Lord is the distinguisher of persons, all events are ordained by His decrees, (vs. 1b); *“There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”” (Luke 13:1-5, ESV)*

- B. There is a definitive command from God to be separate from the world, (vs. 2)
- C. There is an unalterable requirement not to intermarry with the world, (vs. 3 - 4)
- D. There is an undeniable mandate to maintain the purity of our relationship with God, (vs. 5)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-relate With The World, (vs. 6 - 11)
- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-exchange With The World, (vs. 12 - 16)
- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-connect With The World, (vs. 17 - 26)