

"For Pity's Sake"
Practical Expressions of Holiness
Deuteronomy 7: 17 - 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-connect With The World, (vs. 17 - 26)

6. As A Holy People, We Must Not Forget The Divine Purity Of The Lord, (vs. 26) Worship→ Value→ Behavior

- **26a) Faith Compartmentalized Is Disobedience** **"Shall Not Bring (Impf) Into Your House" -**
"For any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, who separates himself from me, taking his idols into his heart and putting the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face,
➔ *and yet comes to a prophet to consult me through him, I the LORD will answer him myself. And I will set my face against that man; I will make him a sign and a byword and cut him off from the midst of my people, and you shall know that I am the LORD.*
➔ *And if the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel."* (Ezekiel 14:7-9, ESV)
- **26b) Faith Counterfeited (Religion) Will Lead To Destruction** **"Become (Perf) Devoted To Destruction" -**
- "Why do the nations rage (Psalm 55: 14) and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."" (Psalm 2:1-6, ESV)
- **26c) Faith Granted (Regeneration) Will Change Who You Are** **"Utterly Detest & Abhor It (Impf)" -**
"And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire." (Matthew 18:8-9, ESV)
- **Application: 1) Confidence That Deceives 2) Compartmentalized Belief 3) Hypocrisy Of Religion**
1) "and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? 2) While you preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 3) You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."" (Romans 2:19-24, ESV)

What compartments do you maintain in your home?