

What has the coronavirus crisis taught you about yourself when it comes to worship?

Deuteronomy follows the crisis of the forty years of wandering (and dying) in the desert. God through Moses speaks to the new generation about to enter the promised land. The "Ten Words," repeated in chapter 5, prioritized having no other gods. Chapter 6 prioritized loving the LORD with all your heart, soul, and strength. In today's chapters the LORD gives commands on how—and how not—to worship him.

Let's read Deuteronomy 12:1-14,29-32.

Note where the Canaanite nations worshiped and how they worshiped.

Note where Israel was told to worship. Why were they supposed to worship there?

Note what Israel was told to bring there.

Note the attitude which God desired in worship.

Compare the world's worship with Canaanite worship. What is similar, and what is not?

Compare our worship with Israelite worship. What is similar? What is different?

What was the LORD's estimation of Canaanite worship?

Let's read Deuteronomy 13:1-18.

In what way would a prophet or a dreamer be a test for Israel?

Why was such a prophet or dreamer supposed to be killed?

Who else was supposed to be killed?

What do such commands have to say to us today?

Let's read Deuteronomy 16:1-17.

Let's look at these three main festivals in Israel. (See also Leviticus 23.)

Passover—

Weeks—

Tabernacles—

How do you see remnants of these festivals in our worship today?

What do verses 10 and 17 teach us?

Let's read Deuteronomy 16:21 – 17:7.

"You must purge the evil from among you." How does that still apply today?

Let's read Deuteronomy 18:9-20.

divination, sorcery, omens, witchcraft, spells, consulting the dead...

Why do these things happen?

How do these things still happen in the world around you?

What are two reasons why not to do such things?

1) 18:14—

2) 18:15—

What were the Israelites asking for at Horeb?

To identify *the prophet*, see Acts 3:19-23.

How does 18:19 still hold true today?

What has the coronavirus crisis taught us again about the core of worship?

Crisis drives us back to the words and promises of God.

God's words and promises increase our worship of him.

Worship the LORD your God!