

**SESSION #32 (19 October 2010); Deut 13:6-18; No False Prophets in Families or Local Communities**

**I. INTRODUCTION & REVIEW**

1:1-5	Introduction to God's spokesman, the 1 <sup>st</sup> Prophet Moses
1:6 - 4:40	1 <sup>st</sup> Exposition of the Torah = <u>motivation</u> to obey from (1) <u>past gracious actions</u> of Yahweh and (2) sovereign <u>destiny</u> of the nation ( <u>future gracious actions</u> of Yahweh)
4:41-49	Editorial comment on context of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Exposition of the Torah
5:1 - 26:19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Exposition of the Torah = proper response to Yahweh in heart and soul
5:1 - 11:32	Loving Yahweh with <u>all the heart</u>
12:1 - 26:19	Loving Yahweh with <u>all the soul</u> ( <i>nephesh</i> =life)
12:1-31	Theological unity of Israel's tribes (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> commandments)
<b>12:32 - 13:18</b>	<b>Enforcement of Theological Orthodoxy (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> commandments)</b>
12:32 - 13:5	Enforcement upon the Prophets
<b>13:6-11</b>	<b>Enforcement upon Loved Ones</b>
<b>13:12-18</b>	<b>Enforcement upon Local Communities</b>

Use of these narratives in our Christian life

1. Concept of a "sacred space" inside the creation where God's Presence dwells (not omnipresence here, but a special location where communication [occurs])
2. [Clear changes] occur from dispensation to dispensation
  - (1) theocracy of ancient Israel
  - (2) future Millennial Kingdom (**Zech 13:2-6**)
  - (3) this Church Age (supra-national in-gathering from every people group to become the Royal Family in the coming Kingdom) [Indwelling] Holy Spirit

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**Deut 12:32** What does this statement imply about the doctrine of inspiration of Scripture?

What are the framework supports for this doctrine?

**13:3-4 testing you**

What are some implications of this for our sanctification?

**13:4 after Yahweh your God you will walk;**

**Him you will fear**

**His commandments you will keep;**

**His voice you will hear**

**Him you will serve;**

**To Him you will cling**

What is the emphasis here? The people or the Lord?

**13:5 put to death. . .because he has spoken rebellion (Heb: *sarah*) against Yahweh**

Note vocabulary of **Jer 28** here

**Who brought you out. . .and ransomed you from the house of bondage. . .**

Here is the justification for such severe judgment: destruction of God's saving work

**You will burn evil from your midst**

Phrase occurs 9X from here to chapter 24

## **II. ENFORCEMENT UPON LOVED ONES (13:6-11)**

**13:6 Your brother, son of your mother** (not half-brother)

**Your son**

**Your daughter**

**The wife of your bosom**

**Your friend as your nephesh** (gang peer pressure)

What is the emphasis?

**secretly entice. . .**

Cf. **Matt 10:37** (discipleship = sanctification's demand)

**go and serve. . .**

This is case-law extension of **13:1-5**

**13:7 gods. . .near and far**

Absolute exclusivity

What is the framework support for this insistence? [call of Ab]

Without the biblically revealed Triune God, there is no moral authority to undergird politics → **constant "irritation" to unbelieving society**, including conservative polytheists

Otherwise, we violate commandments 1-2-3 directly and 9-10 indirectly.

**13:8 You will not be willing to him**

**You will not hear him**

**Your eyes will not pity him**

**You will not spare**

**You will not cover over him**

**13:9 your hand. . .first. . .**

Capital punishment involved the witnesses to the crime (see **Deut 17:7; Acts 7**)

Cf **John 8:7** (Jesus's point that capital punishment must be applied justly and wisely)

**13:11 hear and fear**

Does capital punishment deter?

What do these case laws say about human emotion and moral judgment?

What does this say about family and the authority of Scripture?

### III. ENFORCEMENT UPON LOCAL COMMUNITIES (13:12-18)

**13:12 cities which Yahweh your God is giving you**  
cities are His gift

**13:13 worthless men**

God's evaluation of their 'true value'

**thrust out** (cause to stray from a herd)

only a few are needed to corrupt the whole town!

**saying. . .**

not necessarily explicit.

**13:14 search out**

capital punishment administered with tight controls

**13:15 must slaughter** (Inf Abs)

Holy War directed against this city → holy war isn't "racial"

**all that is in it**

**13:16 heap (tell) forever**

never to be re-built as was the custom

[Economic] barrier against coveting. (commandment 10)

**13:17 remain in your hand**

**13:18 keep all His commandments**

Commandments 1-2-3

### IV. CONCLUSION

This is a picture of what *sanctification* looks like.

A. Fore-view of what the coming Kingdom of God will look like in MK form (when sin still exists)

- Physical space here and then; not merely heart space
- Global domination by Jesus Christ over all people groups
- Capital punishment will occur

B. Inward view of the spiritual battle we fight now in our hearts

Holy Spirit indwells every believer (**John 14:15-24**)

Trinity makes its home in the heart → meeting place

- **1 John 1:5 - 2:1** fellowship with the Father [confession for cleansing] → **2:15-17**  
Father is permanent and eternal; the world is temporary

- 2:2-6 fellowship with the Son [treating His commandments as God's commandments] → 2:22-27 HS illumination of the NT truths
- 2:7-11 fellowship with the Spirit [recognizing His work in fellow believers] → 3:12-13 "offense" of simply being an observable source of the HS's work in the hostile world

C. Our battle today is to prepare us for life in the royal family of the MK

