

## Deuteronomy 12:1-14 **Destroy all forms of Idolatry – Worship God in Place He Chooses**

### In the Land of Your Possession, Be Careful to Obey all of God's Laws

<sup>1</sup> "These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth.

### Destroy all places of idol worship, and all idols

<sup>2</sup> You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. <sup>3</sup> And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. <sup>4</sup> You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things.

### Bring your offerings and sacrifices to the place God chooses

<sup>5</sup> But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. <sup>6</sup> There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. <sup>7</sup> And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

### Do not follow your own inclinations

<sup>8</sup> You shall not at all do as we are doing here today--every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes-- <sup>9</sup> for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you.

### In the Land of Your Possession, Bring your offerings and sacrifices to the place God chooses

<sup>10</sup> But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety, <sup>11</sup> then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD.

### Rejoice before Yehowah with your tithes and offerings

<sup>12</sup> And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you. <sup>13</sup> Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; <sup>14</sup> but in the place which the LORD chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

**In the Land of Your Possession, Be Careful to Obey all of God's Laws** [Deuteronomy 12:1] also [Exodus 15:26, 19:5-6, Leviticus 18:4-5, 26, 30, 20:22, 22:31, 25:18, Deuteronomy 4:2, 40, 6:2, 17-18, 7:11-12, 8:6, 10:12-13, 11:1, 11]

✧ The laws, statutes, and judgments God has delivered to Israel are for all time.

✧ They must be obeyed in the Promised Land of your possession.

**Destroy all places of idol worship, and all idols** [Deuteronomy 12:2-4] also [Exodus 20:3-5, Leviticus 20:22-23, 26:1, Numbers 33:50-56, Deuteronomy 4:25-28, 5:24-25, 6:14-15, 7:1-5, 16-26, 9:7-29, 11:16-17, 26-32, 12:2-4, 29-31, 13:1-18, 16:21-22, 17:2-5, 18:9-14, 27:13-26, 29:14-18, 30:15-18, 31:14-22, 32:1-43]

- ✧ You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods.
  - ✧ On the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.
- ✧ You shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place.
- ✧ You shall not worship Yehowah Eloheykm (the LORD your God) with such things.
  - ✧ God does not accept hypocritical piety. He will not accept our “worship” when we come before Him with various pagan trappings, images, and things He has condemned, no matter how long our forefathers used them.
  - ✧ Just because something is “Traditional” in the Church, doesn’t mean that it is always acceptable to God.
  - ✧ Remember Jesus said of the traditions of the Pharisees of His time, :By your traditions you have made the Word of God of no effect. [Matthew 15:3-6, Mark 7:6-13, Colossians 2:8]

**Bring your offerings and sacrifices to the place God chooses** [Exodus 20:24, Deuteronomy 12:5-7, 10-14, 17-19, 26-27, 14:22-27, 16:1-9, 9-12, 26:1-15]

- ✧ You shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.
- ✧ There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.
- ✧ There you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

**Do not follow your own inclinations** [Deuteronomy 12:8-9, Numbers 15:39, Judges 17:6, 21:25, Proverbs 3:7, 12:15, 16:2, 21:2, 26:12, 16, 30:12]

- ✧ You shall not at all do as we are doing here today:
  - ✧ Every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes
- ✧ For as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you. [Deuteronomy 12:9, Psalm 95:9-11, Hebrews 3:11-18, 4:1-13]

**In the Land of Your Possession, Bring your offerings and sacrifices to the place God chooses** [Deuteronomy 12:5-7, 11-14, 17-19, 26-27, 14:22-29, 16:1-12, 26:1-15]

- ✧ When you are settled and dwell safely in the Promised Land. [Deuteronomy 12:10-11]
  - ✧ Yehowah Eloheykm will choose a place to make His Name abide.
  - ✧ There you shall bring all that I command you:
    - ✧ your burnt offerings
    - ✧ your sacrifices
    - ✧ your tithes
    - ✧ the heave offerings of your hand
    - ✧ all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD.

**Rejoice before Yehowah with your tithes and offerings** [Deuteronomy 12:5-7, 11-14, 17-19, 26-27, 14:22-29, 26:1-15]

- ✧ Serving Yehowah with the required Tithes and Offerings is a time for rejoicing before Yehowah Eloheykm (the Lord your God).
- ✧ Those who participate in the rejoicing are you, your sons, your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite associated with you.
  - ✧ You are to include the Levite because he has no portion nor inheritance with you.
- ✧ Be careful to offer your Burnt Offerings only in the place Yehowah chooses.
  - ✧ There you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.