

- 1] (ch 1-4) Historical review --- 'So, this time listen!'
- 2] (ch 5-11) Loving God with all your heart.
- 3] (ch 12 -26) Life in the church-state in promised land – Ten Commandments.

???' *Why, following the section on 'loving God with all your heart' (chs 5-11) at the start of his section, life in the promised land (chs 12-25) is the 'not eating blood' so prominent.*

Be careful to obey (1, 28-32)

1] These statutes and rules (1a)
Ie 10 commandments + + (10:4)

2] In the land given you to possess all the days of your lives on earth (1b)

3] the God of your Fathers (1c)

Ie the one who has covenanted with them / you, land, descendants, blessing to the world promise to their fathers (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-7; 26:2,3; 28:13-15)

4] Be careful to do/ obey (1b, 28-32)

a) that it might go well with you / your children (28)

b) avoid being ensnared by their gods (29,30)

c) do not to worship the Lord in their abominable way (31a)

d) ie they burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods (31b)

nb Israel before Exile "even burned their sons and daughters as offerings ..." (2 Ki 17:17)

e) the Commandments - you shall not add to it or take away from it (32)

cf not add to it or take away from it (Rev 22:18,19)

The Lord's Word is not to be added to or subtracted from.

Carefully do the what the Laws commands

The Worship of the Lord (2 -15)

1] Destroy the nations religion / high places (2-4)

Nb you shall not worship that way (5:7-10)

Worship God or mammon (Matt 6:24)

Completely destroy other Gods

2] Command - Seek the Lord (5-7)

a) Where: the **(ONE)** place the Lord shall give (5)

cf King David (2Sam 5:6ff); Zion (Ps 132:13,14)

nb the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father (John 4:21)

nb Jesus - no man comes to the Father but by me (John 14:6)

God chooses how and where he shall be worshipped

Seek God to allow for how/ where you should worship Him

b) What with; make your sacrifices, tithes, offerings, first born of your flock (6)

c) How: eat, rejoice in all that you undertake in which the Lord has blessed you (7)

Rejoice with your household before the Lord (as He chooses)

3] REPEAT! (8-14)

a) Where - one place (11a,13) what with - make offerings (11b) How - rejoice (12)

also b) Everyone not doing what is 'right in their own eyes' (8)

cf did what is right in their own eyes (Judges 17:6; 21:25)

Do not do what seems right in your own eyes

c) rest and inheritance in the promised land

nb rest OT (Dt 3:20; 12:10; 25:19)

NT (Heb 3 – 4:11)

inheritance OT (Dt 4:21; 19:10; 20:16; 21:23; 24:4; 26:1)

NT (Eph. 1:11,14,18; 5:5; Heb 9:15)

GRACE The Lord gives us a land as an inheritance.

Do not eat blood (15-27)

1] Command

a) Eat any meat freely (15)

GRACE God gives blessings

b) Do not eat blood – pour it out on the earth like water. (16)

c) In His (**ONE**) place, eat tithes first born of lock free will offerings etc before Lord (17,18a)

d) Rejoice (18b)

e) Take care of the Levite (19)

Nb no land inheritance

2] REPEAT – eat meat freely (20-23). Do not eat blood (23-25) Holy offerings (26)

a) The life is in the blood. You shall not eat the life with the flesh (23)

cf the Lord formed man and breathed into him (Gen2:7)

b) blood of sacrifices poured on altar of the Lord (27)

NT

cf Peter's vision all animals made clean (Acts 10:9ff)

cf abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood and from what has been strangled and from sexual immorality (Acts 15:29)

cf In Christ – able to eat food sacrificed to idols (1 Cor 8:1ff)

JESUS;

*Jesus blood was spilled **and** water (Jn 19:34)*

the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (1John 1:7)

Jesus' blood was spilled like water

20 Enjoy the freedom of God.

'the blood sacrifice shall be poured out on the altar of the Lord your God' (27b)

God only has one altar – the cross of Jesus

(16,23,27) 'The life is in the blood'. Therefore, this is the most significant thing. God is the giver of life (cf Gen 2:7)

Summary

Be careful. Obey God's commands. (1)

Erase all worship of foreign gods in the promised land (2-4)

*Instead, in the one place that God designates, rejoice & make your offerings to Him (5-7) **Repeat** (8-14)*

Eat freely but 1) do not eat blood. 2) offer your tithes and firstborn of your flocks in the place of God's choice x2 (15-19),

Repeat (20-27)

Be careful not to be 'seduced' by foreign gods. Meticulously obey the Lord (28-32)

MP *Carefully, obey the Lord in the life He has given you.*

KV *These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your Fathers, has given you to possess, all the days of your life on earth. (1)*