Devoted to the Lord

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Q. How do we foster a heart devoted to the Lord for worship and blessing?

- 1. The <u>defense</u> of our heart (chapters 8-9)
 - a. Guard against pride (8:7-17)
 - b. Guard against self-righteousness (9:4-6)
 - c. Guard against idolatry (9:13-17)
- 2. The <u>engagement</u> of our heart (10:12-22)
 - a. Practice obedience to the Lord (12-13)
 - b. Make a decisive commitment to Him (14-16)
 - c. Commit your life to <u>serve Him</u> and those <u>He loves (</u>17-22)

For Further Study and Reflection:

Every Moment Holy by Douglas Kaine McKelvey

Confronting Christianity by Rebecca McLaughin

Show Them No Mercy: 4 Views on God and Canaanite Genocide

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Small Group Questions:

- Through Deuteronomy, some were devoted to the Lord for destruction. Others were devoted to the Lord for worship and blessing. What distinguished the two?
- 2. What cautions were given to Israel as they moved into the land? How were they to guard their heart? Which of these cautions are pertinent to us? How?
- 3. Pastor Eric made the point that "praise is the antidote to pride". What did he mean by this? How do you see this at work in your life?
- 4. Pastor Eric stated that a heart devoted to the Lord must be defended, but it must also be positively engaged. What were the three points of engagement that were identified?
- 5. How should the Christian of the New Covenant think about obedience? Are they subject to all of the Old Covenant laws? Why or why not? What of the Old Covenant finds continuation in the New Covenant?
- 6. Personally speaking, what positive disciplines have helped you cultivate a heart that is devoted to the Lord?