

## Family Worship Guide Week 24

### Det. 15-21

#### Day One: Det. 15

- Part of the law God gave to Moses had to do with handling the debt of the poor. Every seven years the Hebrew people were commanded to forgive the debt anyone owed him. Even if you borrowed money on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, they would be forgiven the very next day. Why is that? Because God cares deeply for the poor. He set up a provision to fight poverty amongst the people of Israel in His law. If God has this kind of passion for the poor, shouldn't we as well? Take time to come with ideas of how you and your family can support the poor both locally and abroad.
- **Bottom Line:** God cares for the poor.
- **Questions:** How can we help those less fortunate than ourselves? How can we think of others before ourselves? How can we spread this message to other Christians?

#### Day Two: Det. 16:18-20

- We like justice. Why else do we have so many television shows dedicated to judges, crime dramas, etc? Children's television shows are based around the fact that the good guys always win and justice is served. Did Scooby and the gang ever catch the wrong criminal? Of course not. We like justice because God made it that way. Not only did God give us a sense of justice, but he himself is a just God. To be unjust is to be unlike God. The beauty for us is that while God is just, he is always merciful. That is why Jesus had to die for our sins. Jesus took the punishment for us so that God could seek justice while at the same time showing us mercy. How amazing is that! He shows no partiality nor favoritism, but forgives all who ask.
- **Bottom Line:** God is just and shows no partiality.
- **Questions:** Why should we treat people equally? Should you play favorites? How does it feel when you are treated differently because you aren't the favorite?

#### Day Three: Det. 18:15-22

- One of the greatest gifts we have as Christians is the Holy Spirit. When we are saved, Holy Spirit lives inside of us. The Hebrew people here did not have that luxury. Inside, they had to rely on Moses to hear a word from God. Now Moses was revealing a plan for them. God would be sending more prophets to speak to the people after Moses died. He wouldn't be leaving them in the dark. When the people would stray away from God, a prophet would be there to bring them back to the Word of God. While we aren't all prophets like these men, we have a similar calling in the church. When we see someone drifting away from God, it is our responsibility to step in and help lead them back to God.

- **Bottom Line:** God will speak to his people.
- **Questions:** Why is important that people hear from God? How could you know you were following God if you couldn't speak to him? How can you help others who stop following God?

### Day Four: Det.20: 22-23

- We read this verse and we should immediately think of Christ. If someone is hung from a tree (like a cross) then it was a sign that he was cursed. When Jesus was hung on the cross, it showed not that he was cursed, but that he was bearing our curse for us. Gal 3:13 says, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"-so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentile, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." Jesus took your curse! He took your sin on the cross and died so that he could pay your penalty. Amen.
- **Bottom Line:** Jesus became a curse for us.
- **Questions:** How should Jesus dying on the cross change the way you worship? Share Jesus? Serve God?

### Day Five: Psalm 21

- Where do you find your joy? Where do you find your happiness? In this Psalm we find that King David is excited! He is happy because he has experienced a great military victory. Notice though that he gives all the credit to God and His strength. Through both good times and bad, we should look to God as the source of strength and victory in our lives. We have hope and ultimately joy knowing that our God is in total control of everything. When we have joy in God's strength, it causes so many other things to stop. One thing in particular is complaining. Instead of us finding problems in our jobs, families, or church, we should instead rely upon God and find our joy in Him.
- **Bottom Line:** God's strength is enough.
- **Questions:** Do you celebrate what is happening, or do you complain more? Do you find your joy knowing that God's strength will see you through? Do you have a peace knowing that God is total control?

### Pray

- ❖ Pray for our church as we search for a new music minister. Pray that God would lead us to the right man. Pray for the church as we seek to grow spiritually over this next year, and as we seek to reach the lost world.

### Memorize

**Gal. 3:13a "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us."**