

Sermon Notes | Choose To Be Set Apart - Deuteronomy 7-8

Big Idea: Choose to be set apart

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 7:6a)

Be Holy (Deuteronomy 7:1–6a, 24–26)

- God calls His people to be distinct and separate from the surrounding nations.
- Israel was commanded not to make covenants, show mercy, intermarry, or keep the idols of other nations (7:1–5, 24–26).

Four Reasons to Be Set Apart (Deuteronomy 7)

1. **Because God Chose You** (7:6b–7)
"The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession... not because you were more in number... but because the Lord set his love on you."
2. **Because God Loves You** (7:8–11)
"It is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers... Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God..."
3. **Because God Will Bless You** (7:12–16)
"Because you listen to these rules and keep and do them... He will love you, bless you, and multiply you."
4. **Because God Will Enable You** (7:17–23)
"Do not be afraid... remember what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh... God is in your midst, a great and awesome God."

Remember God (Deuteronomy 8:1–20)

1. **Remember Your Dependence** (8:1–10)
"He humbled you... fed you with manna... that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."
2. **Remember Your Salvation** (8:11–20)
"You forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt... who fed you in the wilderness... Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power... has gotten me this wealth.'"

"For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ."
(1 Corinthians 10:4)

Discussion Guide | Choose To Be Set Apart - Deuteronomy 7-8

Read Deuteronomy 7:1–6

- Why did God call the Israelites to separate themselves so completely from the Canaanites?
- How would you describe the ways your life is *set apart* from the culture around you?

Read Deuteronomy 7:6–11

- What does it mean to you personally that God chose you and loves you?

Read Deuteronomy 7:12–23

- How empowered do you feel to live a life that is *set apart*?

Read Deuteronomy 8:2–3

- How would you describe your dependence on God in this current season?

Reflection

- What are a few practical ways you can make your life more *set apart* from non-Christian culture?