

INTRODUCTION

1. The pronouncement to be holy had been made before (Exodus 19:6; Leviticus 19:2)
2. Why it was necessary to repeat such a pronouncement in Deuteronomy 7
 - a) To reiterate what had been taught before (this was the essence of this book)
 - b) The very real danger of forgetting
 - c) To reinforce this truth to a new generation
3. Full obedience is one way to be a holy people to the LORD our God

ADDRESSING THE THINGS THAT PREVENT OBEDIENCE (Deuteronomy 7:1-5, 16-26)

1. Moses warned about the influence which could prevent them from obeying God's command
 - a) Commands had been given to prevent them from being influenced
 - b) How the external influence from these nations could begin
 - i. Making a covenant (a treaty or an agreement) with them
 - ii. Showing them mercy
 - iii. The union of marriage
 - c) Terrible consequences if the nation of Israel was to be influenced badly
2. A warning about the internal struggle which could stop them from obeying God's command
 - a) God's clear commands were reiterated by Moses once again
 - b) Moses knew of the people's struggle with fear
 - c) He encouraged them
 - i. He encouraged them to remember God and His deeds

- ii. He encouraged them to believe in what God shall do for them
- iii. He encouraged them that God was among them

AN UPLIFTING WORD CONCERNING THOSE HOLY TO GOD (Deuteronomy 7:6-11)

1. Features of a people who were holy to the LORD their God
 - a) They were graciously declared to be holy
 - b) They were chosen
 - c) They were loved by God
2. Those declared to be holy needed to respond by practising holiness
 - a) Know the LORD their God
 - b) Keep and observe what had been commanded that day

RELEVANT LESSONS WE CAN TAKE AWAY

1. Let us know, in Christ, we too are holy to our God (1 Peter 2:9-10)
2. Equipped with this knowledge, let us make every effort to practise holiness in our lives
 - a) Deepen our knowledge of God
 - b) Obey His words
3. Let us also find grace from God to obey God's word
 - a) Deal with the negative influences in our lives
 - b) Battle the fears that stop us from obeying God's word