

# FEBRUARY 23

## Read Deuteronomy 7-9

### CHAPTER 7

**W**HEN the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with

them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:

8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 ¶ Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that *will be* a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for *it is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for *it is* a cursed thing.

## CHAPTER 8

**A**LL the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the

wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat

bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*;

13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might

humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

## CHAPTER 9

**H**EAR, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou *art* a stiff-necked people.

7 ¶ Remember, *and* forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness:

from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*; they are quickly turned aside out of the way



which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

13 Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiff-necked people:

14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands.

16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the

LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, *and* ground *it* very small, *even* until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibrothhattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

24 Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*; because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD,

destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:

28 Lest the land whence thou

broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29 Yet they *are* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

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## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Having reminded his people of the events of the past, Moses now warns them of the perils of the future. For centuries Israel was a slave nation, and then for forty years she had wandered in the wilderness. Now they are settled down in their own land and they needed to be aware of the dangers that would come to them. Moses warns of several of the dangers that are to come in chapters 7-10: In chapter 7:1-16 the people are warned not to compromise with the enemy. Any time the people of God compromise, their testimony is either greatly harmed or destroyed completely. Many Christians today have mingled with the world and have ruined their testimony. There are also churches today that have taken a weak and feeble stand against worldliness and sin, thus destroying their power with God. God's plan for the church and the individual Christian is to reach the world, without mingling in its sin. One must never partake of the sins of the world in order to be a friend to the world.

The second peril that faced the children of Israel was the fear of the enemy (chapter 7:17-26). Fear usually leads to compromise. Many times Christians give in to protect themselves. Moses warns the people not to be afraid of the enemy, because God will be with them and given them the victory. That same promise is ours today. No matter what may befall us, God will not leave us or forsake us. If you are born-again, you are a child of God and He will never forsake His own. You can face the most terrible perils knowing that you are going to win the victory, because God and you are a majority. Failures in the

Christian's life come only when you disobey God or fail to believe His promises to you. We must trust and obey.

In chapter 8 the peril is prosperity and self-satisfaction. Moses warns his people about the perils of prosperity. They would forget the forty years of God's care, when they had food to eat and clothes to wear. They would even forget God's chastening hand when they had sinned. It is this sin that is so devastating to our world today. When hard times come we depend on God for our daily needs, but when we have food in our stomachs, money in our pockets, warm houses cars, lands, and other worldly possessions, we turn away from God and become self-sufficient, many times forgetting God. Verse 18 reminds us that, "It is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." This statement is one we all need to remember daily!

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him" (Proverbs 24:24).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 8:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

## HYMN FOR TODAY

### LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

#### Traditional Spiritual

The local church has been described as a laboratory where believers learn to love one another regardless of color, nationality, or financial status. Our com-

mon heavenly citizenship is the one dominant tie that binds our hearts together. One of the basic results of our weekly corporate worship should be the growing bond of love and unity that develops between believers. This bond of fellowship should result in God's family members learning to care, honor, and serve one another in love. We should treat others with the same tenderness and understanding that we have experienced from God Himself. This determination to live in a love relationship with fellow believers is infinitely more important than the issues or differences that may separate us.

Christian unity does not mean that we must eliminate all diversities. We should be able to differ with each other while maintaining love, respect, and a warm, unified spirit. When our differences get out of hand and hard feelings develop, however, the communion service should always be a reminder that we must reconcile our differences and once more restore a spirit of unity within the body of Christ. The bread and cup of the Lord's Supper should remind us of this truth each time we participate together (1 Corinthians 11:17-34).

*Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink the cup together on our knees;  
let us drink the cup together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## **ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**1685**

**HANDEL, THE AUTHOR OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH, WAS BORN.**

This is one of the greatest pieces of music ever penned.

**1468**

**GUTTENBURG WAS BORN.**

Guttenberg, of course, was the man who gave us the first printing press. Let us thank God for books, newspapers, magazines, and all of the things we

enjoy because of this invention, but mainly, let us thank God for the printed Word of God that he has given us.

**1905**

**THE FOUNDING OF THE ROTARY CLUB.**

**1836**

**THE SIEGE OF THE ALAMO BEGAN.**

**1957**

**MA SUNDAY WAS BURIED.**

**1928**

**THE FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS.**

Here is something that we take for granted—the radio. Pause today to thank God for the radio. Thank Him for radio preachers and Christian radio broadcasts. Why not send a contribution today to some faithful preacher of the Gospel who proclaims the message of salvation on the radio.

## **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1868**

**W.E.B. DuBOIS, AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN, BORN.** He died in 1963.

**1869**

**LOUISIANA GOVERNOR SIGNED PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS LAW.**

**1895**

**WILLIAM H. HEARD, AME MINISTER AND EDUCATOR,** named minister to Liberia.

**1915**

**DEATH OF ROBERT SMALLS (75),** Reconstruction congressman, in Beaufort, South Carolina.

**1965**

**CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY ELECTED MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT,** the highest elective office held by a black woman in a major American city.

**1979**

**FRANK E. PETERSON JR. NAMED THE FIRST BLACK GENERAL** in the Marine Corps.



# THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

## Psalms 16 and 17

**AUTHOR:** David.

### **THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALMS:**

This Psalm finds David running from Saul. He comes to the mountain of Maon. He is on one side of the mountain. He finds that Saul is on the other side. Bear in mind that Saul is attempting to kill David. Soon Saul's forces encircled David until he thought that death was inevitable. Just when it appeared that escape was impossible a messenger came and shouted to Saul, "Philistines have invaded the land." This diverted Saul's attention and David was spared once again. During this time of tension David penned the words of Psalm 16. Notice the prayer in verse 1, "Preserve me, O God: for in Thee do I put my trust." Even in this time of adversity and fear David could rejoice. Look at verse 9 where David said, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope." The pleasures of the world may take one's mind from his troubles, but the Lord Jesus can give us joy in our troubles. Of course, deliverance from trouble brings joy and happiness, but our wonderful Saviour gives us joy in our troubles.

The story of Psalm 17 is the same as Psalm 16.

### **THE WAY THEY WERE USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:**

The Jews learned to use Psalm 16 when facing death. Perhaps a dread disease had overtaken one of God's children and death was inevitable. He would flee to Psalm 16. When one of God's people had a loved one or friend who was facing death, he would read or sing this Psalm to his friend. Rush these verses to the terminal cancer patient. Speed them to his loved ones. What comfort, help and strength they will find!

The use of Psalm 17 is the same as Psalm 16. Perhaps the reader has already noticed the trend. God has what we need in every occasion. There is no condition in which the Christian can find himself or need that he can require that is not beautifully satisfied by the Psalms.

# The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

## **MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR SEVEN DAYS: CONSEQUENCES OF SIN**

(Assignment 8)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

### **Both physical and spiritual death.**

( ) Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### **A place of eternal death.**

( ) Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A place of no mercy.**

( ) Luke 16:24

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

### **A place of torment.**

( ) Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

### **A place of everlasting punishment.**

( ) Matthew 25:46

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.