

17:14....when they will want a king (out of envy)

17:15....accept the Lord's choice from your own..do not look for a stranger

17:16-17.His office guidelines: positive and negative

17:18....he shall receive a copy of this book...

17:19....and master it! ..so he will be able to do what the Lord has said.

17:20....and stay humble to give his kingdom lasting respect, dignity, and honor

III. Conclusion

These are foundational necessities and failures in the observation of any or all of them is enormously damaging to society at large. It is the health of the body that is at stake and it is to this the Lord gives this instruction. The principles are good today even though we are not in the theocratic society. Actual practices must be developed in the light of the whole revelation of th Word of God. And thanks again for your part in being with us today.

Lesson # 32

Deuteronomy 18:1-14

PROPER CARE FOR GOD'S SERVANTS

I. Introduction

Thank you for joining us today in our ongoing Deuteronomy studies. As we go through this book we touch on many unusual things which, however, are very important in the development of Israel as a responsible nation representing God. The institution of the Levites is one of these things...a whole family set apart for God as a serving order. With no land of their own they depended on the rest of Israel for many things. And while some of Levites became distinguished leaders in Israel, most of them were, or are, unknown. Yet much of the obligation of the spiritual life of the nation depended on them. In Deuteronomy 18:1-14 we have part of the teaching given Israel for the care of the Levites. We outline this portion of the chapter like this:

- 18:1-2.....the situation
- 3-5.....the assigned portion
- 6-8.....the ministering servants
- 9-14....protection against idolatry