

25:17....reviewing the past: Amalek...Exodus 17:8 ff

25:18-19. Amalek to be completely destroyed..and it takes a lot longer to get accomplished than you might believe!

III. Conclusion

These might seem trifling but they are just the sort of things that cause strife and misunderstanding among people at large...things the people of God cannot afford. If we ran a measuring rod on these things for our day some of us would come up short. It is a good thing we are saved and kept by grace. But the application of God and His just work in every age and all areas of life is a goal for which we may well contend. And we hope to have you listening tomorrow but we are very glad for your attention today.

Lesson # 43

Deuteronomy 26:1-19

THE OFFERING OF THE FIRSTFRUITS

I. Introduction

Greetings in the Lord's Name as we welcome you to another in our studies in Deuteronomy. Today, as the Lord wills, we will complete the second part of the book. Chapters 1-4 were a historical review while chapters 5-26 constituted the restatement of the covenantal law giving first, in chapters 5-11, the basis for Israel's faith and then in chapters 12-26 the expression of that faith as Israel lived out the commission of God to be a holy people. Chapter 26 returns to the ceremonial law to remind the nation of its worship accountability and the importance of living grateful lives. The feast of the firstfruits is under consideration and we outline the chapter like this:

26:1-11.....the first fruits...cause for thanksgiving
12-15.....thanksgiving accountability
16-19.....reminder and challenge concerning material status.

II. Discussion

26:1.....when you are in the land, possess and dwell there

26:2.....you will bring the first fruit (the best) in a basket to the designated place

26:3.....a confession to the priest of God's goodness

26:4.....the priest will take the offering

26:5.....while the worshipper completes his confession

26:6.....he remembers the Egyptian experience