

PURGING EVIL FROM YOUR MIDST

TREASON AGAINST THE COVENANT

Sermon Questions

1. The sin of Deuteronomy 13 is called _____ because this person arises from within and leads others in the covenant to defy it.
2. List at least one other sin where the law says it is an evil that must be purged: _____
3. When a society tolerates evil, rather than destroying it, it _____ itself.
4. All loyalties, even within the family, are not as strong as our loyalty to _____.
5. Does Deuteronomy 13 promote honor killings as practiced in some Muslim countries? (Yes/No)
6. The “certain worthless fellows” in verse 12 can be called the sons of _____.
7. Deuteronomy 13, as part of _____’s law is just and good.
8. Deuteronomy 13 applies to the church, calling the church to excommunicate false teachers and egregious sinners. (Yes/No) If yes, list at least two passages in support: _____
9. The Reformers and Puritans argued that the state must suppress blasphemies and heresies. (Yes/No)
10. Today, most Christians argue that the state should be religiously neutral. (Yes/No)
11. This text can be applied to our country today because we are a nation in covenant with God. (Yes/No)
12. Most importantly, this text:
 - i. Reminds us of the terrible _____ of sin and rebellion against God—death.
 - ii. Reminds us that _____ bore the curse of this very law, so we might live.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon emphasizes that our loyalty to God must surpass even the closest family ties. In what areas of your life right is it hard to choose him over the opinions, pressures, or expectations of family members or close friends? What makes this choice difficult, and how can we support one another in staying faithful?
2. Deuteronomy 13 repeatedly calls God's people to "purge the evil from your midst." How should this principle shape the way we practice church discipline and accountability in our own church family today? What is the difference between being judgmental and faithfully "purging evil" as described in 1 Corinthians 5?
3. The chapter warns about false prophets, family members, and "sons of Belial" who lead people away from God. Where do you see subtle or overt temptations today—whether from teachers, culture, or even people close to you—that try to pull believers away from wholehearted devotion to Christ? How can we guard our hearts and help one another stand firm?
4. The sermon concludes by showing how Jesus took the penalty for our own spiritual treason. How does understanding the seriousness of sin in Deuteronomy 13 deepen your appreciation for the cross? In light of God's justice and mercy, how should this affect the way we live this week?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. The Bible says we should love and obey God more than anyone else—even more than our family or friends. Can you think of a time when it might be hard to choose God over what your friends or someone in your family wants you to do? What are some ways we can show that God is the most important person in our lives?
2. In Deuteronomy 13, God warns his people not to listen to anyone (even a teacher, family member, or friend) who tries to pull them away from worshipping the true God. Who are some voices today (friends, videos, music, etc.) that might try to lead us away from Jesus? How can we be smart about who we listen to, and what should we do if someone tries to get us to do something we know is wrong?