




**1 What are some preferences people have today in their worship of God?**


 *Do you think God has worship preferences? Explain.*

 *Since there are different types of acceptable worship preferences, how can we know whether or not our worship is proper and pleasing to God?*

**2 Read Deuteronomy 12:1-4.** If Israel wasn't going to worship the idols in the land they were entering to possess, why do you think it was so vital that they completely destroy those idols? What well-meaning reasons might they have had for keeping them?

 *In today's context, what might it look like to attempt to worship God in the way of the world (v. 4)?*

 *How might the enemy use human curiosity to trap people into practicing idolatry today?*

 *Read 1 Kings 11:1-11. How does Solomon's story show the appropriateness of God's instructions concerning idolatry?*

**3 What specific instructions about worship did God give His people in Deut 12:4-7?**

 *How might these instructions relate to the church today?*

⚙️ *The wilderness travels of Israel necessitated improvised worship; whereas, inhabiting the promised land would make way for regular rhythms of worship. According to verses 8-14, which type of worship did God indicate has greater value?*

♥️ *What do words like “rest” (v. 10), “safety” (v. 10), and “rejoice” (v. 12) have to do with a regular and consistent standard of corporate worship?*

4 **Deuteronomy 12:15-28.** What was permitted as a practice of worship? What was prohibited? Why would it have been important for Israel to distinguish between the two?

⚙️ *How does this relate to the practice of worship today?*

♥️ *What in our lives is to be specially set apart for God’s use?*

⚙️ *What dangers arise from syncretism (practicing right worship along with prohibited worship)?*

5 **Why is blood viewed as special and deserving of regulations and respect (Deut 12:23)?**

📖 *Read Hebrews 9:22. What is the role of the blood of Christ?*

#### **Prayer Points**

- *Ask God to forgive you for trying to conform worship to your tastes instead of his.*
- *Ask God to help you see his worth and proclaim his glory.*
- *Pray for joy in your worship – a heart that revels in the person and work of God.*
- *Ask the Lord to bring unity to the congregation in worship.*
- *Pray for a heart of loyal devotion to the God that is neither polluted nor distracted by idols.*
- *Praise God for all he has provided and give glory to his name alone.*