



GPS for the week of January 17, 2021: Deuteronomy 7:6-19

“6 For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. 7 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8 But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. 10 But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him. 11 Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. 12 If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors. 13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. 14 You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young. 15 The Lord will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you. 16 You must destroy all the peoples the Lord your God gives over to you. Do not look on them with pity and do not serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you. 17 You may say to yourselves, “These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?” 18 But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. 19 You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear.”

Sunday, January 17:

Action: Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

Questions to Ponder: What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? Do you think the overall theme of this Scripture is God’s faithfulness? Is this something you need to be reminded of this week?

Prayer: Lord God, You don’t ask much of us in order to reveal Yourself to us and to remind us of Your promises. Help me this week to be reminded of Your promises and all that You are capable of doing.

Monday, January 18:

Action: Read Deuteronomy 7:6-8: “6 For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. 7 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8 But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

Questions to Ponder: How does it feel to be holy and chosen by God? How does it feel to be reminded that you were chosen because He loves you? How will this help you this week as you continue to go through uncertain times?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your love and that You find me holy and have chosen me. Let this be something that sticks with me not only this week, but as I continue to journey on with You.

Tuesday, January 19:

Action: Read Deuteronomy 7:9-10: “9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. 10 But

those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.”

Questions to Ponder: Do you see that we need only to keep His commandments and love Him? Do you struggle keeping His commandments? Don't you think He will help you with this and that we don't have to be perfect in keeping them but just keep trying?

Prayer: God, thank You for Your faithfulness. Remind me often that You made a covenant with Your people and You will hold to it. When I struggle with keeping Your commandments, come along side of me.

Wednesday, January 20:

Action: Read Deuteronomy 7:11-12: “¹¹ Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. ¹² If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors.”

Questions to Ponder: Do you think this applies to you too? Can you see that we need to pay attention to the laws God has given to us and follow them, then God will keep his covenant of love? How does this make you feel? Do you need to change anything that you are currently doing differently?

Prayer: Lord, You have made so many promises to Your people that will benefit us too. We are Your children too and so we can claim these promises as our own. Thank You for that reminder.

Thursday, January 21:

Action: Read Deuteronomy 7:13-14: “¹³ He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. ¹⁴ You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young.”

Questions to Ponder: How have you seen God's blessings in your life? Do you realize that He loves you and that He desires to bless you? Do you see the way He desires to bless His people?

Prayer: Father God, thank You that Your love for us is so great. Thank you that You desire to bless Your people and even these verses give only a small amount of ways You desire to bless us. Help us to see these blessings so that we can recognize that You are constantly working in and around our lives.

Friday, January 22:

Action: Read Deuteronomy 7:15-16: “¹⁵ The Lord will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you. ¹⁶ You must destroy all the peoples the Lord your God gives over to you. Do not look on them with pity and do not serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.”

Questions to Ponder: Do you struggle knowing that God will inflict horrible diseases on people who hate him? Have you served any other gods of the world in the last year? Have they been a snare to you?

Prayer: Lord God, I am sorry that I have sometimes gone astray from Your will and way. Remind me constantly of Your blessings so that I can serve and focus on only You.

Saturday, January 23: .

Action: Read Deuteronomy 7:17-19: “¹⁷ You may say to yourselves, “These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?” ¹⁸ But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. ¹⁹ You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear.”

Questions to Ponder: Isn't it encouraging to see that no matter what, God is consistent and faithful? Do you see that even when our enemies seem bigger and stronger than us He still will bring us out with signs and wonders and His mighty hand? Doesn't this give you comfort and hope?

Prayer: God, You are indeed great and faithful. Thank You for revealing Yourself to me and showing how big and great You are. Help me to rely on You and Your strength and power daily so that I can share all that You are doing with others.