

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

From Darren:

Deut 13:1-15:23 - The reason we get upset when our kids do things that are counter to what we want is the same feeling God has when we sin...I think that just dawned on me and I feel like it shouldn't have taken this long

Ps 71:1-24 - "my rock of safety where I can always hide"

Pro 12:5-7 - Avoid the treacherous advice

Luke 8:40-9:6 - No walking stick?!...Jesus puts the disciples' faith to the test

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Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23

13 **1** "Suppose there are prophets among you or those who dream dreams about the future, and they promise you signs or miracles, **2** and the predicted signs or miracles occur. If they then say, 'Come, let us worship other gods'—gods you have not known before— **3** do not listen to them. The LORD your God is testing you to see if you truly love him with all your heart and soul. **4** Serve only the LORD your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him. **5** The false prophets or visionaries who try to lead you astray must be put to death, for they encourage rebellion against the LORD your God, who redeemed you from slavery and brought you out of the land of Egypt. Since they try to lead you astray from the way the LORD your God commanded you to live, you must put them to death. In this way you will purge the evil from among you. **6** "Suppose someone secretly entices you—even your brother, your son or daughter, your beloved wife, or your closest friend—and says, 'Let us go worship other gods'—gods that neither you nor your ancestors have known. **7** They might suggest that you worship the gods of peoples who live nearby or who come from the ends of the earth. **8** But do not give in or listen. Have no pity, and do not spare or protect them. **9** You must put them to death! Strike the first blow yourself, and then all the people must join in. **10** Stone the guilty ones to death because they have tried to draw you away from the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of slavery. **11** Then all Israel will hear about it and be afraid, and no one will act so wickedly again. **12** "When you begin living in the towns the LORD your God is giving you, you may hear **13** that scoundrels among you are leading their fellow citizens astray by saying, 'Let us go worship other gods'—gods you have not known before. **14** In such cases, you must examine the facts carefully. If you find that the report is true and such a detestable act has been committed among you, **15** you must attack that town and completely destroy all its inhabitants, as well as all the livestock. **16** Then you must pile all the

plunder in the middle of the open square and burn it. Burn the entire town as a burnt offering to the LORD your God. That town must remain a ruin forever; it may never be rebuilt. **17** Keep none of the plunder that has been set apart for destruction. Then the LORD will turn from his fierce anger and be merciful to you. He will have compassion on you and make you a large nation, just as he swore to your ancestors. **18** “The LORD your God will be merciful only if you listen to his voice and keep all his commands that I am giving you today, doing what pleases him.

14 1 “Since you are the people of the LORD your God, never cut yourselves or shave the hair above your foreheads in mourning for the dead. **2** You have been set apart as holy to the LORD your God, and he has chosen you from all the nations of the earth to be his own special treasure. **3** “You must not eat any detestable animals that are ceremonially unclean. **4** These are the animals you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, **5** the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the addax, the antelope, and the mountain sheep. **6** “You may eat any animal that has completely split hooves and chews the cud, **7** but if the animal doesn’t have both, it may not be eaten. So you may not eat the camel, the hare, or the hyrax. They chew the cud but do not have split hooves, so they are ceremonially unclean for you. **8** And you may not eat the pig. It has split hooves but does not chew the cud, so it is ceremonially unclean for you. You may not eat the meat of these animals or even touch their carcasses. **9** “Of all the marine animals, you may eat whatever has both fins and scales. **10** You may not, however, eat marine animals that do not have both fins and scales. They are ceremonially unclean for you. **11** “You may eat any bird that is ceremonially clean. **12** These are the birds you may not eat: the griffon vulture, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, **13** the kite, the falcon, buzzards of all kinds, **14** ravens of all kinds, **15** the eagle owl, the short-eared owl, the seagull, hawks of all kinds, **16** the little owl, the great owl, the barn owl, **17** the desert owl, the Egyptian vulture, the cormorant, **18** the stork, herons of all kinds, the hoopoe, and the bat. **19** “All winged insects that walk along the ground are ceremonially unclean for you and may not be eaten. **20** But you may eat any winged bird or insect that is ceremonially clean. **21** “You must not eat anything that has died a natural death. You may give it to a foreigner living in your town, or you may sell it to a stranger. But do not eat it yourselves, for you are set apart as holy to the LORD your God. “You must not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk. **22** “You must set aside a tithe of your crops—one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year. **23** Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored—and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God. **24** “Now when the LORD your God blesses you with a good harvest, the place of worship he chooses for his name to be honored might be too far for you to bring the tithe. **25** If so, you may sell the tithe portion of your

crops and herds, put the money in a pouch, and go to the place the LORD your God has chosen. **26** When you arrive, you may use the money to buy any kind of food you want—cattle, sheep, goats, wine, or other alcoholic drink. Then feast there in the presence of the LORD your God and celebrate with your household. **27** And do not neglect the Levites in your town, for they will receive no allotment of land among you. **28** “At the end of every third year, bring the entire tithe of that year’s harvest and store it in the nearest town. **29** Give it to the Levites, who will receive no allotment of land among you, as well as to the foreigners living among you, the orphans, and the widows in your towns, so they can eat and be satisfied. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all your work.

15 **1** “At the end of every seventh year you must cancel the debts of everyone who owes you money. **2** This is how it must be done. Everyone must cancel the loans they have made to their fellow Israelites. They must not demand payment from their neighbors or relatives, for the LORD’s time of release has arrived. **3** This release from debt, however, applies only to your fellow Israelites—not to the foreigners living among you. **4** “There should be no poor among you, for the LORD your God will greatly bless you in the land he is giving you as a special possession. **5** You will receive this blessing if you are careful to obey all the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today. **6** The LORD your God will bless you as he has promised. You will lend money to many nations but will never need to borrow. You will rule many nations, but they will not rule over you. **7** “But if there are any poor Israelites in your towns when you arrive in the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward them. **8** Instead, be generous and lend them whatever they need. **9** Do not be mean-spirited and refuse someone a loan because the year for canceling debts is close at hand. If you refuse to make the loan and the needy person cries out to the LORD, you will be considered guilty of sin. **10** Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do. **11** There will always be some in the land who are poor. That is why I am commanding you to share freely with the poor and with other Israelites in need. **12** “If a fellow Hebrew sells himself or herself to be your servant and serves you for six years, in the seventh year you must set that servant free. **13** “When you release a male servant, do not send him away empty-handed. **14** Give him a generous farewell gift from your flock, your threshing floor, and your winepress. Share with him some of the bounty with which the LORD your God has blessed you. **15** Remember that you were once slaves in the land of Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you! That is why I am giving you this command. **16** “But suppose your servant says, ‘I will not leave you,’ because he loves you and your family, and he has done well with you. **17** In that case, take an awl and push it through his earlobe into the door. After that, he will be your servant for life. And do the same for your female servants. **18** “You must not consider it a hardship when you release your servants. Remember that for six years they have

given you services worth double the wages of hired workers, and the LORD your God will bless you in all you do. **19** “You must set aside for the LORD your God all the firstborn males from your flocks and herds. Do not use the firstborn of your herds to work your fields, and do not shear the firstborn of your flocks. **20** Instead, you and your family must eat these animals in the presence of the LORD your God each year at the place he chooses. **21** But if this firstborn animal has any defect, such as lameness or blindness, or if anything else is wrong with it, you must not sacrifice it to the LORD your God. **22** Instead, use it for food for your family in your hometown. Anyone, whether ceremonially clean or unclean, may eat it, just as anyone may eat a gazelle or deer. **23** But you must not consume the blood. You must pour it out on the ground like water.

Psalm 71:1-24

71 1 O LORD, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced. **2** Save me and rescue me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me, and set me free. **3** Be my rock of safety where I can always hide. Give the order to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. **4** My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked, from the clutches of cruel oppressors. **5** O Lord, you alone are my hope. I've trusted you, O LORD, from childhood. **6** Yes, you have been with me from birth; from my mother's womb you have cared for me. No wonder I am always praising you! **7** My life is an example to many, because you have been my strength and protection. **8** That is why I can never stop praising you; I declare your glory all day long. **9** And now, in my old age, don't set me aside. Don't abandon me when my strength is failing. **10** For my enemies are whispering against me. They are plotting together to kill me. **11** They say, “God has abandoned him. Let's go and get him, for no one will help him now.” **12** O God, don't stay away. My God, please hurry to help me. **13** Bring disgrace and destruction on my accusers. Humiliate and shame those who want to harm me. **14** But I will keep on hoping for your help; I will praise you more and more. **15** I will tell everyone about your righteousness. All day long I will proclaim your saving power, though I am not skilled with words. **16** I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign LORD . I will tell everyone that you alone are just. **17** O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do. **18** Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me. **19** Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the highest heavens. You have done such wonderful things. Who can compare with you, O God? **20** You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but you will restore me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth. **21** You

will restore me to even greater honor and comfort me once again. **22** Then I will praise you with music on the harp, because you are faithful to your promises, O my God. I will sing praises to you with a lyre, O Holy One of Israel. **23** I will shout for joy and sing your praises, for you have ransomed me. **24** I will tell about your righteous deeds all day long, for everyone who tried to hurt me has been shamed and humiliated.

Proverbs 12:5-7

12 5 The plans of the godly are just; the advice of the wicked is treacherous. **6** The words of the wicked are like a murderous ambush, but the words of the godly save lives. **7** The wicked die and disappear, but the family of the godly stands firm.

Luke 8:40-9:6

8 40 On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had been waiting for him. **41** Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come home with him. **42** His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying. As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds. **43** A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. **44** Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped. **45** "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you." **46** But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me." **47** When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. **48** "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace." **49** While he was still speaking to her, a messenger arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. He told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." **50** But when Jesus heard what had happened, he said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed." **51** When they arrived at the house, Jesus wouldn't let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, James, and the little girl's father and mother. **52** The house was filled with people weeping and wailing, but he said, "Stop the weeping! She isn't dead; she's only asleep." **53** But the crowd laughed at him because they all knew she had died. **54** Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, "My child, get up!" **55** And at that moment her life returned, and

she immediately stood up! Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. **56** Her parents were overwhelmed, but Jesus insisted that they not tell anyone what had happened.

9 1 One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. **2** Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. **3** “Take nothing for your journey,” he instructed them. “Don’t take a walking stick, a traveler’s bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes. **4** Wherever you go, stay in the same house until you leave town. **5** And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.” **6** So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News and healing the sick.