

Being just like everyone else

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Introduction

1. 1 Samuel 8:4-5
2. Israel wanted to be like all the nations about them for several reasons
 - a. Samuel was old
 - b. His sons were not living nor doing right
3. Israel had judges for about 350 years Joshua 24:31 from Joshua until Samuel
4. Lest we forget God had told them about a king over them Deuteronomy 17:14-20
5. Notice carefully verse 14 those are the words they were using in 1 Samuel 8:5
6. Let us notice three lessons from Deuteronomy 17:14-20

II Discussion

1. Don't go back verse 16
 - a. Israel to want to back to Egypt before Numbers 14:3-4
 - b. There are several problems with this
 - i. It is to reject the leadership God set in place Numbers 14:3-4; Deuteronomy 17:16
 - ii. It is a statement of going back into sin Luke 9:62; Galatians 1:6; 4:9; 2 Peter 2:20; Revelation 2:4
 - c. Christians have left sin Romans 6:6, 11 Galatians 2:20
 - d. Christians want no other God Matthew 6:24, 33; Philippians 3:8
2. Marry correctly verse 17
 - a. Why marry correctly, that his heart turn not away
 - b. God's law was from the beginning Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6
 - c. Man has corrupted God's law for marriage and remarriage
 - d. God hates divorce Malachi 2:16
 - e. Correct marriage Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:7; Titus 2:3-4
3. Copy the Law verse 18
 - a. There is some question about if this was in his own hand writing or was it given to him by the priest. DeHoff states that it was in his own hand writing.
 - b. He was to read it all the days of his life verse 19
 - c. We too have a duty to study God's law John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; Hebrews 8:10; 1 Peter 3:15

III Conclusion

1. Why would we want to be like everyone else in the religious world?
2. We are to be a peculiar people Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9 chosen generation

3. Once a Christian we are not to go back into the world, why leave the blessings that are in Christ Ephesians 1:3
4. Are you different from the religious world, if not maybe a diligent search of the heart and the Bible is required
5. Let us be Christians only
6. If you are not a Christian then today is the day
7. If you were but have gone back into the world then come out from among them

Sources: Keil-Delitzsh commentary on Deuteronomy. Pulpit commentary, DeHoff commentary; Thompson chain references; Logos; internet