

# True Worship and the Religious Practices of the World

## Deuteronomy 12:29–32

### ***True worship does not conform to the religious practices of the world***

- a. The assurance:  
God will go ahead of His people and defeat the enemies of the promised land
- b. The warning
  - 1) A person must not be ensnared, misled by the world's false worship and false gods nor by their religious practices
  - 2) A person must not worship God by following the world's religious practices
    - Because they do all kinds of abominations, detestable things
    - Because they offer child sacrifices to their gods
  - 3) A person must obey all of God's commandments: Not add to nor take away from them

29 The LORD your God will cut off before you the nations you are about to invade and dispossess.

But when you have driven them out and settled in their land,

30 and after they have been destroyed before you, be careful not to be ensnared by inquiring about their gods, saying, "How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same."

31 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way, because in worshipping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the LORD hates.

They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods.

32 See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.