

13 PEOPLE OF GOD

KEY TEXT: **LEVITICUS 26:1-13**

CENTRAL truth

In this week's teaching, we will be reminded that the Lord freed the people of Israel from captivity to follow Him. The Lord taught them that the proper response to this gracious act was to worship and obey Him. While obedience would result in blessings, disobedience would result in curses. Together, we'll be reminded that **the Lord blesses those who worship and obey Him.**

key question

How would Israel be blessed if the people obeyed the Lord's commands?

The people of Israel would be blessed for their obedience by experiencing prosperity in a thriving land and victory over their enemies and by growing into the nation God had promised Abraham (see Gen. 12:1-3).

keep in mind

- As we've seen elsewhere in this study, God prohibited His people from worshiping idols. Using the **Culture Note** to guide your discussion, help students contextualize what idolatry looks like for them and in our culture. Anything that is honored in the place of God or placed at an equal or higher value to Him is an idol. Idolatry is choosing to give primary devotion to the created instead of the Creator.
- Allow the **Give an Answer** note to guide you as you help students to see that the covenant blessings being promised here were for the ancient people of Israel and were related to the way their entire nation—not individuals—interacted with God. Whatever we may be walking through, we can trust that God is our greatest blessing.

application

Do our prayers reflect that we worship God as King, or do we merely seek His blessings? What does proper worship look like?

the win

FOR THE STUDENT: Students will learn that God's grace in our lives motivates us to obey Him and that He alone is our greatest blessing.

FOR THE LEADER: Lead students in understanding that we don't merely seek the Lord for His blessings but to worship and serve Him as King.

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