

A PECULIAR PEOPLE

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EXODUS 19:5

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

A peculiar treasure - A costly possession acquired with exertion, and carefully guarded. The special relation in which Israel stands, taken out of the pagan world and consecrated to God,

as His slaves, subjects, and children, determines their privileges, and is the foundation of their duties. The same principle applies even in a stronger sense to the Church.

PSALM 135:3

3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

PSALM 135:4

4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

And Israel for his peculiar treasure, The word here rendered treasure, means that which is acquired; property; wealth. They were what God possessed, owned, or claimed among all the people of the earth as especially his own.

He had chosen them; he had redeemed them; he had made them his own, and he regarded them with the interest with which anyone looks on his own property, the fruit of his own toil.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE:
A SEPARATED PEOPLE.

EXODUS 33:16

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be *SEPARATED, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

SEPARATED: palah {paw-law'}
to be distinct, marked out, be separated, be distinguished, to make separate, set apart

I CORINTHIANS 7:2

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

I CORINTHIANS 7:3

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

I CORINTHIANS 7:4

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife

I CORINTHIANS 7:5

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

I CORINTHIANS 7:32

32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

I CORINTHIANS 7:33

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

I CORINTHIANS 7:34

34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

LEVITICUS 20:24

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

EZRA 6:21

21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

EZRA 9:1

1 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations,

even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

EZRA 9:2

2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

EZRA 9:3

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

NEHEMIAH 9:2

2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

LUKE 6:22

22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

II CORINTHIANS 6:15

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II CORINTHIANS 6:16

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell

in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II CORINTHIANS 6:17

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye
*SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

SEPARATE: aphorizo {af-or-id'-zo}
to mark off from others by boundaries, to limit, to separate, to exclude as disreputable, to appoint, set apart for some purpose

II CORINTHIANS 6:18

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

A PEOPLE OF INHERITANCE.

EXODUS 34:9

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

DEUTERONOMY 4:20

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

DEUTERONOMY 9:26

26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

DEUTERONOMY 9:29

29 Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

DEUTERONOMY 32:9

9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

EPHESIANS 1:18

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

A SPECIAL PEOPLE.

DEUTERONOMY 7:6

6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

A PURCHASED PEOPLE.

EXODUS 15:16

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

PSALM 74:2

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

ACTS 20:28

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

I CORINTHIANS 6:20

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

A REDEEMED PEOPLE.

EXODUS 15:13

13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

DEUTERONOMY 21:8

8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

LUKE 1:68

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

GALATIANS 3:13

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

GALATIANS 3:14

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

REVELATION 5:9

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

A HOLY PEOPLE

DEUTERONOMY 14:2

2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

DEUTERONOMY 26:16

16 This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

DEUTERONOMY 26:17

17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

DEUTERONOMY 26:18

18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;

DEUTERONOMY 26:19

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

DEUTERONOMY 28:9

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

I PETER 1:14

14 As obedient children, not *FASHIONING yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

FASHIONING: suschematizo {soos-khay-mat-id'-zo

conform to, fashion (one's) self according to, to conform one's self (i. e. one's mind and character) to another's pattern, (fashion one's self according to) to shape one thing like another and describes what is transitory, changeable, and unstable.

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15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

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16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

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PECULIAR: periousios {per-ee-oo'-see-os}

that which is one's own, belonging to one's possessions: a people selected by God from the other nations for his own possession

ZEALOUS: zelotes {dzay-lo-tace'}

one burning with zeal; a zealot, used of God as jealous of any rival and sternly vindicating his control:) most eagerly desirous of, zealous for, a thing, to acquire a thing, (zealous of), to defend and uphold a thing, vehemently contending for a thing

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CHOSEN: eklektos {ek-lek-tos'}

picked out, chosen by God, to obtain salvation through Christ;
choice, select, i. e. the best of its kind or class, excellence
preeminent: applied to certain individual Christians

GENERATION: *genos* {ghen'-os}

Kind, offspring, family, stock, race, nationality or descent from a particular people, the aggregate of many individuals of the same nature, kind, sort or species

PRIESTHOOD: *hierateuma* {hee-er-at'-yoo-mah}

the office of a priest, the order or body of priests

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I TIMOTHY 2:9

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

HISTORY

Ephesus was a wealthy commercial city, and some women there competed against each other for attention and popularity. In that day expensive hairdos arrayed with costly jewelry were an accepted way to get to the top socially.

Paul admonished the Christian women to major on the "inner person," the true beauty that only Christ can give. He did not forbid the use of nice clothing or ornaments. He urged balance and propriety, with the emphasis on modesty and holy character.

from Bible Knowledge Commentary/Old Testament:

The women who came to the Christian assemblies in Ephesus arrayed themselves in costly attire, and sometimes made unbecoming display of their personal charms till the custom was becoming the sensation, if not the scandal, of the city.

The specifics Paul mentioned (braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes) are not wrong in themselves, but become inappropriate when they indicate misplaced values (cf. 1 Peter 3:3).

In the Ephesian church these styles may have been associated with the local temple prostitutes. Christians must be careful about letting a pagan culture set their fashions.

ADAM CLARKE SAID:

It is the extravagance in ornaments and costly garments that Paul rebukes. In fact, the passage is not condemning any one style, ornament, or such,

but demanding moderation in dress and behavior in general as women professing godliness. When either men or women live primarily for dress and outward show, it is wrong.

But (which becometh, etc. - That is: Good works are the only ornaments with which women professing Christianity should seek to be adorned. The Jewish matrons were accustomed to cry to the bride: "There is no need of paint, no need of antimony, no need of braided hair; she herself is most beautiful. "

The eastern women use a preparation of antimony, which they apply both to the eyes and eyelids, and by which the eye itself acquires a brilliant lustre.

JOHN GILL:

Not with brodered hair, or plaited, The Jews had women on purpose for this business; Mary Magdalene is thought to have her name from hence; Or gold, or pearls, or costly array: not that the apostle forbids all use or wear of such things.

It was a complaint of Chrysostom's many hundreds of years ago, that some who came to public worship, appeared in such a dress, as if they came rather to dance than to pray;