

# The Supreme Requirements of Obedience: What is Demanded by God Deuteronomy 11:01–32

## ***I. Remember***

***what you have experienced:  
love and obey God***

### a. Remember:

It was not your children who experienced the discipline, greatness and power of God

1) His power in saving you from Egypt (a symbol of the world)

2) His power in delivering you from being recaptured and enslaved by the enemy

b. Remember: You experienced God's guidance through the wilderness wanderings and His judgment

1) The example of the rebellion of Dalhan and Abiram

2) God's miraculous earthquake that swallowed them, their families and possessions

c. Remember: It was you who personally experienced the great things God did

## ***2. Be very careful — to keep all the commandments of God***

a. Because you will be strong enough to conquer the promised land

- 1 Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.
- 2 Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm;
- 3 the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country;
- 4 what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them.
- 5 It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the wilderness until you arrived at this place,
- 6 and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them.
- 7 But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done.
- 8 Observe therefore all the commands I am giving you today, so that you may have the strength to go in and take over the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,

<p>b. Because you will live long in the land: Keep and continue to possess it and to live in it</p> <p>c. Because the land will be blessed and cared for by God and made fruitful</p> <p>1) Is not a dry desert like Egypt that has to be irrigated</p> <p>2) Is a land of beautiful mountains and valleys with plenty of rain providing sufficient water</p> <p>3) Is a land watched over by God – day by day</p> <p>d. Because obedience is the condition for receiving God’s blessings: Obey God with all your heart and soul</p> <p>1) God will send rain in its season</p> <p>2) God will give abundant crops</p> <p>3) God will give satisfaction and fulfilment</p> <p><b>3. <i>Guard against false worship and false gods</i></b></p> <p>a. The danger: Will be enticed to turn away from God</p> <p>b. The results: The judgment of God</p> <p>1) Will suffer loss, scarcity: No water or food</p> <p>2) Will perish, die: Not survive in the promised land</p>	<p>9 and so that you may live long in the land the LORD swore to your ancestors to give to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.</p> <p>10 The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden.</p> <p>11 But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven.</p> <p>12 It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.</p> <p>13 So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today – to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul –</p> <p>14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil.</p> <p>15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.</p> <p>16 Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them.</p> <p>17 Then the LORD’s anger will burn against you, and he will shut up the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you.</p>
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**4. *Be a strong testimony and witness for the LORD***

a. How to be a testimony

- 1) Lock God's commandments in your hearts and minds
- 2) Teach the commandments to your children:  
Talk about them all day long
- 3) Make your home a strong testimony for the LORD

b. The result: Will live in the promised land permanently

**5. *Be victorious over all the enemies of the promised land***

a. The condition: Allegiance

- 1) Must obey and love God
- 2) Must walk in His ways
- 3) Must cling to Him

b. The results

- 1) Will conquer, drive out all, even strong enemies – by the power of the LORD
- 2) Will conquer a large territory:  
Every place your foot sets
  - The desert to Lebanon
  - The Euphrates River to the western sea
- 3) Will be unstoppable
- 4) Will be feared by all

18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

20 Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates,

21 so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

22 If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow – to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him and to hold fast to him –

23 then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you.

24 Every place where you set your foot will be yours:  
Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea.

25 No one will be able to stand against you. The LORD your God, as he promised you, will put the terror and fear of you on the whole land, wherever you go.

**6. Know the consequence of your choices: A blessing or a curse**

a. The facts and the choice

1) To be blessed if one obeys God's commandments.

2) To be cursed if one disobeys God's commandments:

- By turning away
- By following false gods or false worship

b. The charge to hold a ceremony to proclaim the blessings and curses

1) When: After entering the promised land

2) Where: On two mountains — to proclaim the blessings from Mt. Gerizim and the cursings from Mount Ebal

c. The strong encouragement and assurance: You are about to enter the promised land

d. The final charge:  
After conquering the promised land, be sure to escape the curses of disobedience — obey all the laws and commandments of God

26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse —

27 the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today;

28 the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

29 When the LORD your God has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you are to proclaim on Mount Gerizim the blessings, and on Mount Ebal the curses.

30 As you know, these mountains are across the Jordan, westward, toward the setting sun, near the great trees of Moreh, in the territory of those Canaanites living in the Arabah in the vicinity of Gilgal.

31 You are about to cross the Jordan to enter and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you. When you have taken it over and are living there,

32 be sure that you obey all the decrees and laws I am setting before you today.