"THE TIE THAT BINDS" The Preservation of God's Beloved People Deuteronomy 28: 1 - 6 November 22, 2020

"being careful to do all his commandments" (Deuteronomy 28: 1)

To fully understand God's preservation of His people means that we must be intentional in our walk before the Lord.

Much of evangelical thought does not emphasize 120% obedience to God's Word. (v.1a)
 (Isaiah 48:17-19)

- 2. God promises that He will exalt this obedience above all other sources of identity & provision. (v.1 b)
 - a. <u>Blessedness is not the fruit of your labor (v. 2)</u>
 (1 Timothy 4:7-8)
 - b. <u>Blessedness is not based upon your station in life</u> (v. 3) (1 Corinthians 7:19)
 - c. Blessedness is not restricted ONLY to the number of children you have $(v.\ 4)$ (Psalm 127: 3-5
 - d. Blessedness extends to every aspect of life (v. 4b)
 - e. <u>Blessedness is even a function of health</u> (v. 5) (Nehemiah 9:19-21)
- 3. This identity & provision MUST be what sets God's people apart from the rest of the world. (v.6)