

"That You May Live"
Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 14
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• God Has Told Us What Is Necessary To Live In Abundance, (vs. 1 - 14)

○ God Says, Listening To My Word Is Commanded, Not Suggested, (vs. 1)

- God's nature is to tell us plainly what He expects, (vs. 1a)

✚ "You shall not do as they **DO** in the land of Egypt, where you **LIVED**,
✓ and you shall not **DO** as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am **bringing** you.
✓ You shall not **WALK** in their statutes. You shall **FOLLOW** my rules and **KEEP** my statutes and walk in them.
✓ I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 18:3-4)

✚ "And I will **PUT** my Spirit within you, and **CAUSE** you to **WALK** in my statutes and be **CAREFUL** to **OBEY** my rules."
(Ezekiel 36:27)

- God's expectation is that we will do what He says, (vs. 1b)

✚ "The whole commandment that I **command** you today you shall **BE** careful to do,

❖ that you may **LIVE** and **MULTIPLY**, and **GO** in and **POSSESS** the land that the Lord **SWORE** to give to your fathers.

❖ And you shall **REMEMBER** the whole way that the Lord your God **HAS LED** you these forty years in the wilderness,
➤ that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would **KEEP** his commandments or not.

➤ And he **HUMBLED** you and **LET** you hunger and **FED** you with manna, which you did not **KNOW**, nor **DID** your fathers know,

✓ that he might make you know that man does not **LIVE** by bread alone, but man **LIVES** by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

❖ Your clothing did not **WEAR** out on you and your foot did not **SWELL** these forty years.

❖ **KNOW** then in your heart that, as a man **DISCIPLINES** his son, the Lord your God **disciplines** you."
(Deuteronomy 8:1-5)

- God's promise is that abundance will follow obedience, (vs. 1c)

✚ "**Working** together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

❖ For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

❖ **BEHOLD**, now is the favorable time; **BEHOLD**, now is the day of salvation. We **put** no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

❖ but as servants of God we **commend** ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;

❖ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God;

❖ with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise.

❖ We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as **unknown**, and yet well **known**; as **dying**, and **BEHOLD**, we live; as **punished**, and yet not **killed**; as **sorrowful**, yet always **rejoicing**; as poor, yet making many **rich**; as **having** nothing, yet **possessing** everything." (2 Corinthians 6:1-10)

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- God Says, Amending My Word Is Not Allowed, (vs. 2)
- God Says, Obeying My Word Has Very Real Consequences, (vs. 3 - 4)
- God Says, Acknowledging My Word As The Sovereign Rule Is A Must, (vs. 5)
- God Says, Making My Word A Priority Will Be Noticed By Others, (vs. 6)
- God Says, Accepting My Word Puts You In A Very Special Place, (vs. 7 - 8)
- God Says, Hiding My Word In Your Heart Doesn't Mean Hiding It From Your Children, (vs. 9)
- God Says, Fearing My Word Is The Basis Of Lasting Wisdom, (vs. 10)
- God Says, Remembering My Word Comes With Real Power Can't Be Overlooked, (vs. 11)
- God Says, Believing My Word Is Dependent On Who I Am & Not What You Experience, (vs. 12)
- God Says, Communicating My Word Is Straight Forward & Understandable, (vs. 13)
- God Says, Following My Word Has To Be Part Of Who You Are, (vs. 14)

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