

"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)**

Listening To My Word Is Commanded, Not Suggested Amending My Word Is Not Allowed

○ God Says, Following My Word Is Something I Take VERY Seriously, (vs. 3 - 4)

✚ Seriously, God is open & forthright about how He operates, (vs. 3a)

- ❖ "And God **SPOKE** all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you **OUT** of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
 - "YOU SHALL HAVE no other gods before me. "You shall not **MAKE** for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
 - You shall not **BOW** down to them or **SERVE** them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,
 - ✓ **visiting** the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who **hate** me,
 - ✓ but **showing** steadfast love to thousands of those who **love** me and **keep** my commandments." (Exodus 20:1-6)
 - ✓ "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:14-16)

✚ Seriously, God has demonstrated a history of fierce anger against disobedience, (vs. 3b)

- ❖ Disobedience is not actions, it is who you are: " ... the people **BEGAN** to whore with the daughters of Moab.
 - These **INVITED** the people to the sacrifices of their gods,
 - and the people **ATE** and **BOWED** down to their gods.
 - So Israel **YOKED** himself to Baal of Peor.
- ❖ Living in disobedience will bring God's anger: *And the anger of the Lord was **KINDLED** against Israel.*
 - And the Lord **SAID** to Moses, "**TAKE** all the chiefs of the people and **HANG** them in the sun before the Lord, that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel."
 - And Moses **SAID** to the **judges** of Israel, "Each of you **KILL** those of his men who have **yoked** themselves to Baal of Peor."
- ❖ Disobedience willfully spurns God's anger: *And behold, one of the people of Israel **CAME** and **BROUGHT** a Midianite woman to his family,*
 - in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel,
 - while they were **weeping** in the entrance of the tent of meeting.
- ❖ Disobedience must be dealt with radically: *When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, **SAW** it, he **ROSE** and left the congregation and **TOOK** a spear in his hand and **WENT** after the man of Israel into the chamber and **PIERCED** both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly.*
- ❖ Disobedience will bring real consequences: *Thus the plague on the people of Israel was **STOPPED**. Nevertheless, those who died by the plague **WERE** twenty-four thousand." (Numbers 25:1-9)*
- ❖ "What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you," (2 Corinthians 6:16-17)

✚ Seriously, clinging to God is the only way to survive, (vs. 4)

- ❖ "Then they **LIFTED** up their voices and **WEPT** again. And Orpah **KISSED** her mother-in-law, but Ruth **CLUNG** to her.
- ❖ And she **SAID**, "See, your sister-in-law has **GONE** back to her people and to her gods; **RETURN** after your sister-in-law."
- ❖ But Ruth **SAID**, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you.
 - For where you **GO** I will **GO**, and where you **LODGE** I will **LODGE**.
 - Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.
 - Where you **DIE** I will **DIE**, and there will I be **BURIED**.
 - May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death **PARTS** me from you.
 - And when Naomi **SAW** that she was **DETERMINED** to go with her, **SHE SAID NO MORE**." (Ruth 1:14-18)
 - "... he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25)

- 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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