

Deuteronomy 11:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

Analysis

The blessing is conditioned: 'if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day.' The blessing isn't automatic or unconditional but flows from responsive obedience. The Hebrew construction *im tishme'u* (יעמְשִׁמְעָ אֶת, 'if you obey') makes this explicit. The phrase 'which I command you this day' emphasizes immediacy—they face real-time decision requiring present response. Moses functions as covenant mediator delivering Yahweh's stipulations. Obedience means hearkening to God's revealed will through His appointed messenger. Rejecting Moses's words means rejecting God's covenant.

Historical Context

Moses's role as mediator prefigures Christ (Hebrews 3:1-6), though Christ's superiority as Son surpasses Moses's role as servant. The Israelites' contemporaneous decision parallels every generation's responsibility to respond to revealed truth. The apostolic teaching similarly binds Christians (2 Thessalonians 3:14)—rejecting apostolic doctrine means forfeiting blessing. Covenant blessings always attend covenant obedience.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does immediate obedience ('this day') differ from delayed or theoretical commitment?
2. What does it mean to recognize and submit to God's appointed messengers of His word?
3. How do we discern true messengers of God's word from false teachers?

Interlinear Text

את	ברוך	ה	תשמע	ו	אשר	אל	מצות	יהי	ה
H853	A blessing	H834	if ye obey	H413	the commandments		of the LORD		
	H1293		H8085			H4687			H3068

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:19 (Parallel theme): If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Isaiah 3:10 (Parallel theme): Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Luke 11:28 (Word): But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

John 13:17 (Parallel theme): If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Psalms 19:11 (Parallel theme): Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Romans 2:7 (Parallel theme): To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

James 1:25 (Word): But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Revelation 22:14 (Word): Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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