

Deuteronomy 11:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

Analysis

The emphatic 'your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD' returns to the eyewitness theme. The Hebrew gadol ma'aseh (גָּדוֹל מַעֲשֵׂה, 'great acts/works') emphasizes magnitude and significance. Unlike their children, this generation possesses firsthand knowledge. This creates covenant accountability—they cannot plead ignorance. Their obedience or disobedience will be informed response to demonstrated divine power and faithfulness. Reformed theology emphasizes that greater revelation brings greater responsibility (Luke 12:48).

Historical Context

This generation's unique status as eyewitnesses parallels the first Christian generation that saw Christ's resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:6). Their testimony formed the foundation for future faith. Similarly, Israel's Exodus generation bore special responsibility to testify faithfully to children and grandchildren (Deuteronomy 6:7, 20-25).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does personal experience of God's work create greater accountability?
2. In what ways can we become 'eyewitnesses' to God's present activity?
3. What obligation do believers have to testify to the next generation about God's faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

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| H3588 | But your eyes | have seen | H853 | H3605 | acts | of the LORD | all the great |
| | H5869 | H7200 | | | H4639 | H3068 | H1419 |
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| אֲשֶׁר | עָשָׂה: | | | | | | |
| H834 | which he did | | | | | | |
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