

Deuteronomy 27:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

Analysis

And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day. Moses and the elders jointly command comprehensive obedience - Keep all the commandments, not selective compliance with preferred portions. Covenant faithfulness requires complete submission to God's revealed will.

The involvement of elders of Israel alongside Moses demonstrates shared responsibility for teaching and enforcing the law. Leadership must corporately uphold God's standards and call the people to obedience.

The phrase this day creates urgency - obedience begins immediately, not at some future convenient time. God's commands require present-tense response, not deferred compliance.

This comprehensive call to covenant obedience introduces the altar-building and blessing-cursing ceremonies that follow. Before Israel enters the land, they must commit to full obedience.

Historical Context

This address occurred on the plains of Moab shortly before Israel crossed Jordan into Canaan. Moses was preparing the second generation for conquest and

settlement, emphasizing that success depended on covenant faithfulness.

The elders' involvement ensured continuity of leadership after Moses' death - Joshua and the tribal leaders would carry forward responsibility for maintaining covenant obedience.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does the call to keep 'all' commandments teach about comprehensive obedience?
2. How does shared leadership responsibility promote accountability for covenant faithfulness?
3. Why is immediate obedience important rather than deferred compliance?
4. What does Moses' final emphasis on complete obedience teach about priorities for God's people?
5. How should church leadership corporately uphold and teach God's standards?

Interlinear Text

לֹאמֶר בְּעֵם מִצְוָה מֹשֶׁה מִצְוָה הַיִלְגָּן אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת הַמִּצְוָה לְמִצְוָה הַיִלְגָּן
commanded And Moses with the elders of Israel the people saying

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מִצְוָה הַיִלְגָּן אֶת שְׁמָר
Keep all the commandments commanded
H8104 H853 H3605 H4687 H834 H595 H6680

אַתָּה בָּיִם:
you this day
H853 H3117

Additional Cross-References

John 15:14 (Parallel theme): Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

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

James 2:10 (Word): For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.