

Deuteronomy 27:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

Analysis

Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day. The word therefore connects obedience to identity - because you are God's people, you must obey His voice. Identity determines behavior; what we are shapes how we act. Gospel indicative precedes gospel imperative.

Obeying the voice of the LORD personalizes the relationship - this is not merely following abstract rules but hearing and responding to God's personal address. The law expresses God's will for His covenant people.

The distinction between commandments (specific directives) and statutes (general principles) indicates comprehensive obedience encompasses both particular duties and overall lifestyle. Both explicit commands and broad ethical norms govern covenant life.

The phrase this day creates urgency - obedience begins immediately. There is no grace period or delayed implementation. God's commands require present-tense response.

Historical Context

This formula - because you are God's people, therefore obey - pervades Deuteronomy and shapes biblical ethics generally. Behavior flows from identity; what God has done for us obligates how we live for Him.

This ethical pattern continues in New Testament - because you are in Christ, therefore live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does identity as God's people provide motivation for obedience?
2. What does it mean to obey God's voice rather than merely following rules?
3. Why is comprehensive obedience required encompassing both specific commands and general principles?
4. How does 'this day' urgency prevent delayed obedience?
5. How does New Testament ethics follow the same pattern of identity determining behavior?

Interlinear Text

וְשַׁלְמָנָת	בְּקָר וְלִתְהִלָּה	אֱלֹהִים יְבָרֵךְ	עֲשֵׂה יְמִינָת
Thou shalt therefore obey	the voice	of the LORD	thy God
H8085	H6963	H3068	H430
and do			
			H853
מִצְוֹתָיו	וְאַתָּה	רְאֵשׁ יְמִינָת	מִצְוֹתָךְ
his commandments	and his statutes	H2706	which I command
H4687	H853	H834	H6680
		H595	
הַיּוֹם:			
thee this day			
H3117			

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 5:48 (Parallel theme): Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Micah 6:8 (References God): He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Deuteronomy 11:1 (Word): Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.