

# Deuteronomy 27:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

## Analysis

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The final curse pronounces: 'Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.' This comprehensive curse covers all violations—no one can claim to have kept the entire law. The word 'confirmeth' (Hebrew qum, to establish/uphold) means actively maintaining and performing the law. The communal 'Amen' signifies covenant acceptance—the people agree to the terms and consequences. Paul quotes this verse (Galatians 3:10) to demonstrate that law-keeping cannot justify, since all fall short; only Christ perfectly fulfilled the law.

## Historical Context

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The twelve curses (Deuteronomy 27:15-26) covered various sins, both public (idolatry, murder) and secret (moving landmarks, misleading the blind). The final curse encompasses all law violations, making clear that partial obedience is insufficient. Israel's history proved this—repeated law-breaking led to prophetic warnings and eventual exile. Christ bore this curse (Galatians 3:13), satisfying law's demands and enabling justification by faith.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the impossibility of perfectly keeping the law point to the need for Christ?
2. What does the comprehensive nature of this curse teach about God's holiness and justice?

## Interlinear Text

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		בְּקָרְבָּן	יְמִ	אָתָה	יְ	דְּבָרָה	יְ	דְּבָרָה

לְעַשׂ	וְתַ	בְּזַעַת	אָתָה	רַ	אָמַר	כָּל	בְּעַמְּ	אָמֵן
H2063			H853			H3605		
<b>to do</b>			<b>shall say</b>			<b>them And all the people</b>		<b>Amen</b>
H6213			H559			H5971		H543

## Additional Cross-References

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**Galatians 3:10** (Word): For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

**Romans 10:5** (Word): For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

**Psalms 119:21** (Word): Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

**Ezekiel 18:24** (Parallel theme): But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that

he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

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