

Deuteronomy 30:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Analysis

If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. The conditional if thou shalt hearken reestablishes covenant obligations. Despite promises of heart circumcision (verse 6), human responsibility remains - Israel must respond to divine enabling with faithful obedience.

The reference to this book of the law grounds obedience in written revelation. God's requirements are not vague or arbitrary but clearly recorded for all to know. Written Scripture provides objective standard for covenant faithfulness.

The requirement to turn unto the LORD...with all thine heart, and with all thy soul demands total commitment. Halfhearted or partial devotion is insufficient - covenant relationship requires complete loyalty and love.

This tension between divine transformation (verse 6) and human responsibility (verse 10) illustrates the cooperation between grace and obedience characteristic of covenant theology.

Historical Context

Deuteronomy as 'book of the law' was lost during years of apostasy and rediscovered during Josiah's reform (2 Kings 22). Its reading sparked national repentance and renewal, demonstrating Scripture's power to convict and transform.

Written Scripture preserved God's word through centuries, enabling each generation to know covenant requirements despite gaps in faithful teaching.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does human responsibility relate to divine enabling?
2. What is the importance of written Scripture as objective standard?
3. Why does total commitment require both heart and soul?
4. What does tension between divine transformation and human obedience teach about covenant theology?
5. How does Scripture's preservation enable ongoing covenant faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

לְשִׁמְךָ רְאֵלֶּךָ יְהֹוָה
H3588 If thou shalt hearken H8085 unto the voice H6963 of the LORD H3068 thy God H430 to keep H8104

מִצְוָתָיו
H4687 his commandments H2708 and his statutes H3789 which are written H5612 in this book H8451 of the law

בְּכָל אֱלֹהֶיךָ יְהֹוָה
H2088 H3588 and if thou turn H413 H7725 מִשְׁׁוֹבָחָה
H3605 of the LORD H3068 thy God H430

לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל נְפָשָׁתְךָ
H3824 with all thine heart H3605 and with all thy soul H5315

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 4:29 (References God): But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

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