

# 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

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**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

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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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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

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כִּי	תִשְׁמַע	בְּקוֹל	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	לִשְׁמֹר
H3588	<b>If thou shalt hearken</b>	<b>unto the voice</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	<b>thy God</b>	<b>to keep</b>
	H8085	H6963	H3068	H430	H8104
מִצְוֹתָיו	וְחֻקֹּתָיו	הַכְּתוּבָה	בְּסֵפֶר	הַתּוֹכָה	
<b>his commandments</b>	<b>and his statutes</b>	<b>which are written</b>	<b>in this book</b>	<b>of the law</b>	
H4687	H2708	H3789	H5612	H8451	
הִנֵּה	כִּי	תָשׁוּב	אֶל	יְהוָה	בְּכָל
H2088	H3588	<b>and if thou turn</b>	H413	<b>of the LORD</b>	<b>thy God</b>
		H7725	H3068	H430	H3605
לְבָבְךָ	וּבְכָל	נַפְשְׁךָ:			
<b>with all thine heart</b>	H3605	<b>and with all thy soul</b>			
H3824		H5315			

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.