

# Deuteronomy 4:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

## Analysis

The reference to Baal-peor—"Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baalpeor"—invokes recent judgment as warning. The contrast 'the LORD thy God hath destroyed them... from among you' versus those who 'clave unto the LORD your God are alive' emphasizes that faithfulness preserves life while idolatry brings death. Past judgment should inform present obedience—God's holiness and justice remain constant.

## Historical Context

The Baal-peor incident (Numbers 25) occurred shortly before this address, where 24,000 Israelites died in a plague after engaging in sexual immorality and idol worship with Moabite women. This fresh memory made Moses' warnings vivid and powerful. Those who remained faithful survived; those who compromised perished. The contrast was undeniable and recent.

## Related Passages

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

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

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

## **John 15:13 — Greatest form of love**

## Study Questions

1. What recent examples of sin's consequences should warn you toward faithfulness?
2. How does 'claving unto the LORD' manifest practically in your daily life?

## Interlinear Text

פָעַ וּרְבָבָ עַל	יְהִי הַעֲשֵׂה	אֲשֶׁר אַתְּ קָרָא וָתִיעַנְיכֶם	have seen	H853	H834	did	the LORD	H0	Baalpeor
H5869	H7200					H6213	H3068		H1187
כָל כִּי	אֲשֶׁר בָּאַשְׁר	פָלָג אַחֲרֵי בָעֵל	for all the men	H3605	H3588	H1980	that followed	H0	Baalpeor
	H376					H310			H1187
הַשְׁמִיד וְ	אֱלֹהִים יְבָרַךְ	מִקְרָבָם	the LORD	the LORD	thy God	them from among			
hath destroyed				H8045	H3068	H430			H7130

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