

Deuteronomy 5:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

Analysis

The people's request 'Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say' establishes Moses as covenant mediator. The promise 'we will hear it, and do it' expresses covenant commitment to obedience. This mediatorial pattern—Moses receiving God's Word and delivering it to the people—prefigures Christ's superior mediation. The phrase 'all that the LORD our God shall say' indicates comprehensive submission to divine revelation. However, Israel's commitment proved hollow (v. 29), revealing that fallen humanity requires heart transformation, not merely external covenant subscription. Only new covenant grace produces genuine obedience (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

Historical Context

Moses served as Israel's mediator throughout the wilderness period, receiving law on Sinai (Exodus 19-24, 34), delivering divine judgments, and interceding for the people (Exodus 32:11-14, Numbers 14:13-19). This established the prophetic office continuing through Joshua, Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and ultimately fulfilled in Christ, the Prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Acts 3:22-23). Moses' mediation demonstrated that sinners require a go-between to approach the holy God.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 – Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' mediatorial role prefigure Christ's work as the superior Mediator of a better covenant (Hebrews 8:6)?
2. What does Israel's promise to obey followed by failure reveal about human inability to keep covenant apart from divine grace?

Interlinear Text

וְאֶמְרֶתְּךָ בְּלֹבֶבְךָ	אֲשֶׁר	כִּל	אֵת	וְשָׁמְעָנוּ	אַתָּה	לֹבֶבְךָ בְּ
Go thou near	H859	and hear	H853	H3605	H834	shall say
	H7126		H8085			H559
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all that the LORD	H3068	our God	H430	H859	and speak	H413
					H1696	H853
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and speak all that the LORD	H1696	our God	H430	H413	and hear	H8085
						H6213

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