

# Deuteronomy 5:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

## Analysis

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God's approval 'I have heard the voice of the people...they have well said' commends Israel's appropriate fear and commitment to obedience. God Himself validates the need for mediation—He doesn't rebuke their request for Moses to intercede. This demonstrates that God establishes the means (mediation) by which covenant relationship functions. The phrase 'they have well said' shows that initial covenant profession pleased God, though subsequent unfaithfulness proved their need for heart transformation. This verse illustrates that right theology (understanding need for mediation, committing to obedience) without heart renewal produces mere external religion.

## Historical Context

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God's approval of Israel's request established the pattern of mediated revelation continuing throughout redemptive history. Prophets delivered God's Word; priests offered sacrifices and interceded; kings governed as God's representatives. This mediatorial structure pointed forward to Christ who perfectly fulfills all three offices—Prophet, Priest, and King. Yet even with proper structure and initial commitment, Israel repeatedly violated covenant, demonstrating that external religion without regeneration fails.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's approval of Israel's request for mediation demonstrate that He ordains the means by which His people approach Him?
2. What does the tension between God's approval of their words and knowledge of their future unfaithfulness reveal about the insufficiency of external religion?

## Interlinear Text

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שֶׁ מְעַתִּי	דְּבָרִים	לְקַל	אַתָּה	יְהִי הָנֶס	וְאַתָּה	שֶׁ מְעַתִּי
heard	And the LORD	H853	the voice	of the words		
H8085	H3068		H6963		H1697	
דְּבָרָה	וְאַתָּה	אַל	יְהִי הָנֶס	וְאַתָּה	אַל	שֶׁ מְעַתִּי
said all that they have spoken	H413	said	H559	And the LORD	H413	heard
				H3068		H8085
אַשְׁר בְּזֹה	הַעַם	דְּבָרִים	לְקַל	אַתָּה	אַשְׁר בְּזֹה	שֶׁ מְעַתִּי
the voice	of this people	H853	the voice	H1697	H2088	H834
H6963						
דְּבָרָה	אַל יְבֹא	הַיִת יְבֹא	אַל יְבֹא	אַל יְבֹא	אַשְׁר בְּכָל	אַשְׁר בְּכָל
said all that they have spoken	H413	unto thee they have well	H3190	H3605	H834	
דְּבָרָה						
said all that they have spoken						
H1696						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 18:17** (References Lord): And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

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