

# Deuteronomy 5:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

## Analysis

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God's command to Moses 'stand thou here by me' grants privileged proximity and continued revelation. The promise 'I will speak unto thee all the commandments, statutes, and judgments, which thou shalt teach them' establishes Moses as covenant mediator receiving comprehensive divine instruction. The purpose clause 'that they may do them in the land' connects obedience to inheritance. This verse illustrates the Reformed doctrine of the ministry of the Word: God speaks through ordained servants who faithfully teach Scripture. Moses' special calling prefigures Christ's unique role as the Prophet who reveals God perfectly (John 1:18, Hebrews 1:1-2).

## Historical Context

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Moses spent 40 days on Sinai receiving detailed law covering worship, festivals, sacrifices, civil justice, and moral conduct (Exodus 20-24, 34). He faithfully taught these statutes to Israel throughout the wilderness wanderings. Moses' unique intimacy with God—speaking 'face to face' (Exodus 33:11)—authenticated his prophetic authority. Yet even Moses was a servant; Christ the Son possesses superior authority (Hebrews 3:5-6). Moses' mediation typified Christ's perfect revelation of the Father.

## Related Passages

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Moses' unique proximity to God and role as mediator prefigure Christ's superior revelation of the Father (John 1:18)?
2. What does this pattern of receiving revelation to teach others establish about the importance of faithful biblical instruction in the church?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵל יְיָ	וְאִדְבָּר ה	עֲמָדִי	עַמְּךָ ד	כֹּה	וְאֵת ה
H413	H1696	H5978	H5975	H6311	H859
and I will speak	thou here by me	But as for thee stand			
וְהַמִּשְׁפָּטִים	וְהַחֲקִים יִם	הַמִּצְוֹת ה	כָּל אֵת		
H4941	H2706	H4687	H3605	H853	
and the judgments	and the statutes	unto thee all the commandments			
וְאֵת רְ	בְּאֶרֶץ	וְעָשׂוּ	תִלְמִידֵי מ	אֲשֶׁר ר	
H834	H776	H6213	H3925	H834	
them in the land	them that they may do	which thou shalt teach			
לְרִשְׁתָּהּ:	לָהֶם מ	נָתַתִּי	אֲנִי י		
H3423	H0	H5414	H595		
them to possess	which I give				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Galatians 3:19** (Word): Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

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