

# Deuteronomy 7:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

## Analysis

The word 'Therefore' (shamarta, 'keep, guard, observe') connects doctrine to duty. Because God is faithful (v. 9) and just (v. 10), Israel must obey. The triad 'commandments, statutes, and judgments' (mitzvah, chuqqim, mishpatim) encompasses all aspects of covenant law: moral commands, ceremonial regulations, and civil ordinances. 'This day' emphasizes immediate, present obedience—not delayed or theoretical compliance. Obedience isn't legalism but love's response to grace. As Jesus said, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments' (John 14:15). The covenant demands obedience, but Christ has perfectly fulfilled the law's requirements and empowers believers to walk in newness of life (Romans 8:3-4).

## Historical Context

Moses addresses the second generation poised to enter Canaan. Unlike their parents who died in the wilderness due to unbelief (Numbers 14), this generation has the opportunity to obey and inherit blessing. The phrase 'this day' appears frequently in Deuteronomy, creating urgency and immediate application. The wilderness generation's disobedience serves as negative example; this generation must choose obedience. The New Testament applies this urgency to believers: 'Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts' (Hebrews 3:7-8).

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding God's character motivate your obedience to His commands?
2. What areas of God's revealed will are you postponing obedience to rather than obeying 'this day'?
3. In what ways does Christ's perfect obedience free you to pursue obedience from love rather than fear?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשִׁמְרָתִ Thou shalt therefore keep	H8104	אֶת H853	הַמְצִ the commandments	H4687	אֶת H853	וְעַד and the statutes	H2706	אֶת H853	וְעַד and the judgments	H4941	אֲנָכִ H834	רָא H595	מְלֶאכֶת which I command	H6680	וְעַד H3117	וְעַד to do	H6213
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 14:15** (Word): If ye love me, keep my commandments.