

# Exodus 34:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

## Analysis

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The angel requires strict obedience—he 'will not pardon your transgressions' because God's name (authority and character) is in him. This is not contradicting God's mercy proclaimed in v. 6-7, but emphasizing that divine presence demands holiness. Rebellion against God's messenger is rebellion against God Himself. Obedience to the angel-guide ensures covenant blessing; disobedience brings judgment.

## Historical Context

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This warning proved prophetic—Israel's repeated rebellion in the wilderness (Num 14, 16, 20, 25) brought judgment. The generation that left Egypt (except Joshua and Caleb) died in the wilderness for unbelief.

## Related Passages

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the presence of God both bless and make demands on His people?

2. What does it mean that Christ, God's final messenger, requires perfect obedience yet provides it on our behalf?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	כָּתֹב	לְךָ	אֶת	הַדְּבָרִים
said	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	Write	H0	H853	of these words
H559	H3068		H4872	H3789			H1697
הָאֵלֶּה	כִּי	עַל	פִּי	הַדְּבָרִים	הָאֵלֶּה	כָּרַעְתִּי	
H428	H3588	H5921	for after the tenor	of these words	H428	I have made	
			H6310	H1697		H3772	
אֶתְּךָ	בְּרִית	וְאֶת	יִשְׂרָאֵל:				
H854	a covenant	H854	with thee and with Israel				
	H1285		H3478				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 24:4** (Word): And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

**Deuteronomy 31:9** (Covenant): And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.

**Exodus 17:14** (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

**Deuteronomy 4:13** (Covenant): And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.