

Numbers 9:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.

Analysis

Moses speaking to Israel 'as the LORD commanded' demonstrates prophetic faithfulness in transmitting divine revelation without addition or subtraction. Moses did not interpret, adapt, or update God's word for cultural relevance—he delivered it intact. The Hebrew construction emphasizes exactitude. This establishes the biblical principle of prophetic and apostolic authority: they spoke not their own words but God's (2 Peter 1:21). Preachers today have similar responsibility—faithful exposition, not creative innovation. Scripture remains the authority; preachers are merely its servants.

Historical Context

Moses' consistent faithful transmission of God's word established him as the prophetic standard until Christ (Deuteronomy 18:15). Unlike pagan prophets who mixed divine and human words, Moses delivered revelation with precision. This fidelity made the Pentateuch authoritative Scripture for all subsequent generations.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' pattern of exact transmission inform faithful preaching today?
2. What happens when preachers add personal opinions to Scripture as if equally authoritative?
3. How can we discern between faithful exposition and innovative speculation?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּדֶבֶר	מֹשֶׁה	אֶל	בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	לַעֲשֹׂת
spake	And Moses	unto the children	of Israel	that they should keep
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the passover
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