

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14

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BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

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1 “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

3 “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the



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country.

4 “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

5 “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

6 “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.



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country.

7 “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8 “The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.



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9 “The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.

10 Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

11 And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your



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livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.

12 The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

13 And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be



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above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

14 So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.



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**Blessings do
follow
obedience.**



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Blessings do follow obedience

Deuteronomy 28:1

- Obedience is the will of God for His people.
- Obedience is premeditated, not automatic (v1, 13).
- Partial obedience is disobedience (1 Samuel 15:20-22 (NKJV)).



The Blessings Promised to Abraham (Abrahamic Covenant)



Genesis 12:2-3; 18:18; 26:4

“I will make you a great nation;”

“I will bless you.. Make your name great...”

“I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven... give all these lands... in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.”

God's commands/demands

Exodus 15:26 - He said, "If you truly listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord who heals you."

Leviticus 26:45 - These are the decrees, the laws, and the requirements that the Lord established at Mount Sinai between himself and the Israelites through Moses.



A Chosen People

Deuteronomy 7:9-11 (NKJV)

(v9) “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep his commandments;

(10) and he repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

(11) Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.”



A Chosen People

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 (NKJV)

(v6) “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

(7) The Lord did not set his love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples,

(8) but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”



A Chosen People

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 (NKJV)

(v16) “This day the Lord your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore, you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.

(17) Today you have proclaimed the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice.

(18) Also today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all his commandments.

(19) and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.”



A Chosen People

Deuteronomy 27:9-10 (NKJV)

(v9) Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel saying, “Take heed and listen, O Israel: This day you have become the people of the Lord your God.

(10) Therefore, you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today.”



A Chosen People thru Faith in Christ

Galatians 3:7-9, 11 (NKJV)

(7) Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

(8) And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

(9) So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

(11) Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”



A Chosen People thru Faith in Christ

Galatians 3:15-18 (NKJV)

(15) To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

(16) Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “and to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” **who is Christ.**

(17) This is what I mean: the law which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promises void.

(18) For if the inheritance comes by the law, **it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**



A Chosen People thru Faith in Christ

Galatians 3:23-29 (NKJV)



(23) Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

(24) So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

(25) But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,

(26) for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

(27) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

(28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

(29) **And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.**

The purpose of the law is to point people to God who is holy. It tells people what God is like. He is holy and most worthy of reverence and obedience of His people.



The Greatest Commandment

(4) “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

(5) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

(6) And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

(7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

(8) You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

(9) You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



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The Greatest Commandment

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

32 “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”



Mark
12:28-33

**God is not conceited, ego-
centric, insecure, punitive,
barbaric, autocratic God.
Extremely the opposite.**



- **That you may know God**
- **That you may become like Him**
- **That you may display the brilliance of His glory**
- **That the world may know Him through your obedience**



The Purpose of Obedience

- **Prominence (v1)**
- **Provision (v3-6;8)**
- **Peace (v7)**
- **Protection (v7)**
- **Place (v8)**
- **Position - People of God (v9-10)**
- **Prosperity (v11-12)**
- **Promotion (v12-13)**
- **Power (v13)**



*The Blessings that Follow
Obedience*

1. No strings attached! Obey God because of who He is, not because of the blessings that He'll bring.

2. Get busy obeying God instead of chasing the blessings. Blessings will come even if you are not chasing them.

Application



If you are in Christ, all things are yours. 1 Cor. 3:20-23

20 and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours.

23 And you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.





3. Fear God in all your dealings.

**4. Live for and love Jesus at all times.
He is your greatest blessing/reward.**

Application

**30 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
31 And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”
(Mark 12:30-31)**



CONCLUSION



Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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