

Deuteronomy 4:1-40 **Value of the Laws of God & Importance in Obeying Them**

Obey God's Law And Do Not Change It

¹ "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

You are Eye Witnesses to God's Power and Judgment

³ Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. ⁴ But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.

What other nation has God so near or such righteous Laws

⁵ Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. ⁶ Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷ "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? ⁸ And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

Teach your Children and your Children's Children The Laws You Heard from God at Horeb

⁹ "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, ¹⁰ especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.' ¹¹ "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. ¹² And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. ¹³ So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. ¹⁴ And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.

God did not allow you to see His form lest you make an image and practice idolatry

¹⁵ "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, ¹⁶ lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ the likeness of any beast that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, ¹⁸ the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth.

Be careful not to worship any of the host of heaven – You are God's People

¹⁹ And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage. ²⁰ But the LORD has taken

you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.

Moses may not cross over the Jordan – But You will cross over and Inherit the Good Land

21 Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. 22 But I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and possess that good land.

Warning against Idolatry – God is a Jealous God

23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. 24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Covenant of destruction

25 "When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. 28 And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

Promise of Restoration in the Last Days

29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice 31 (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Historic Advantage God Has Given Israel

32 "For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard. 33 Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? 34 Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him. 36 Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. 37 And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power, 38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.

Covenant of Blessing for Obedience to God's Laws

³⁹ Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. ⁴⁰ You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Obedience to God's Laws is your life in the Promised Land. [Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 5:33, 8:1-3, 11:18-21, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Luke 10:25-28, Galatians 3:12]
- ✧ Do not add to them or subtract from them (do not change God's Laws). [Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Proverbs 30:5-6]
- ✧ Keep the Commandments of Yehowah Eloheykm (the Lord your God).

- ✧ You are eye witnesses of God's wrath and judgment at Baal of Peor, when 24,000 died in the plague. [Numbers 25:1-18, 31:14-16, Deuteronomy 4:3, Joshua 22:17, Psalm 106:28, Hosea 9:10]
 - ◇ Those who did not fall into the sin at Baal of Peor are still alive today.
- ✧ The Statutes and Judgments Moses gave to the people are exactly as he received them from God. [Deuteronomy 4:5]

- ✧ The intent of the Law given by God is that you may act according to them in the Promised Land of your inheritance. [Deuteronomy 4:5]
- ✧ Israel is to follow God's Laws as an example to all peoples of the earth who will hear about them. This is your wisdom and understanding. [Deuteronomy 4:5-8]
 - ◇ No other nation has God so near, that they may call upon him.
 - ◇ No other nation has such righteous statutes and judgments as are set forth in the Laws of God.

- ✧ All the days of your life you must guard against forgetting what you have seen and experienced, lest they depart from your heart. [Deuteronomy 4:9-14, 6:12]
- ✧ You must teach them to your children and all future generations. [Leviticus 10:8-11, Deuteronomy 4:9-14, 6:6-9, 12, 11:18-21]
- ✧ Especially remember and teach all that you experienced at Horeb when God spoke His Laws in your hearing while the Mountain was ablaze with His presence. So that you would fear God and always obey His commandments.
 - ◇ You heard God's voice but saw no form. [Deuteronomy 4:12]
 - ◇ God declared His covenant verbally in the hearing of the Children of Israel. [Exodus 19:9, 16-19, 20:22]
 - ◇ God Himself wrote the Ten Commandments on the stone tablets. [Exodus 31:18, 32:15-16, 34:28, Deuteronomy 4:13, 5:22, 10:4]
 - ◇ God gave His statutes and judgments to be performed in the Promised Land you are about to inherit. [Deuteronomy 4:5, 14, 5:29-33, 6:1-3, 11:8-9]

- ✧ Take careful heed to yourselves to guard against Idolatry [Deuteronomy 4:12, 15-19, 23-24]
 - ◇ God allowed you to see no form, when He spoke to you out of the midst of the fire on Mount Horeb, lest you act corruptly and make an image of anything and worship it.
 - ◇ Lest you lift your eyes to the sun, moon, or stars, the host of heaven, and worship any of them.

- ✧ God has given all the host of heaven to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.
- ✧ Yehowah Eloheykm is a consuming fire, a jealous God. [Exodus 20:5, 34:12-14, Deuteronomy 4:23-24, 5:9, 6:14-15]
- ✧ God brought you out of the iron furnace of Egypt, to be His people, His inheritance, as you are today. [Genesis 17:8, Exodus 6:7, 16:12, 20:2, 29:45-46, Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:36, 20:24, 26, 22:31-33, 25:38, 26:12, 45, Numbers 15:41, Deuteronomy 7:6, Jeremiah 7:23, 11:4, 30:22, Ezekiel 36:28]
- ✧ As for Moses, God was angry with me because of you at the waters of Meribah in Kadesh. [Numbers 20:7-12, 27:12-14, Deuteronomy 4:21-22, 32:48-52]
 - ✧ Moses is not allowed to cross over the Jordan into the Promised Land, but must die in the land of Moab.
 - ✧ However Israel is to cross over the Jordan and inherit the Promised Land and possess it.
- ✧ When you have been in the land for a long time and turn to idolatry; [Leviticus 26:14-39, Deuteronomy 4:25]
 - ✧ God will be provoked to anger. [Deuteronomy 4:25]
 - ✧ Moses calls heaven and earth as witness against Israel. [Deuteronomy 4:26]
 - ✧ The people of Israel will perish from the Land of Promise. [Deuteronomy 4:26]
 - ✧ They will be scattered as a small remnant among the nations of earth. [Deuteronomy 4:27]
 - ✧ They will follow idolatry in the foreign lands. [Deuteronomy 4:28]
- ✧ When in the foreign lands you seek Yehowah Elohey (the Lord Your God) with all your heart and with all your soul, you will find Him. [Leviticus 26:40-45, Deuteronomy 4:29-31]
 - ✧ In the Latter Days, when you are in distress and all these things come upon you, when you turn to Yehowah Elohey and obey His voice (because the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.
- ✧ New Historical event:
 - ✧ Search past historical records, from the time of creation of man on the earth, search from one end of heaven to the other;
 - ✧ Has anything like this ever happened, or even been heard of?
 - ✧ Did any people ever hear the voice of Elohiym speaking out of the midst of the fire as you have heard, and live?
 - ✧ Did Elohiym ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Yehowah Eloheykm did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

Purpose of the deliverance from Egypt and bringing Israel to the Promised Land

- ✧ All this was done, **that you might know that Yehowah Himself is Elohiym (God); There is none other besides Him.** [Exodus 6:2-8, 7:1-5, 17-18, 8:8-11, 20-23, 9:13-14, 9:29, 10:1-2, 11:4-7, 14:4, 15-18, 16:6, 12, 29:45-46, 31:12-13, Deuteronomy 4:35-40]
 - ✧ Out of Heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you. [Exodus 19:17-19, 20:1-20, Deuteronomy 4:11-14]
 - ✧ On Earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. [Exodus 19:10-19, 20:1-20, 24:16-17, Deuteronomy 4:11-14]

✧ Because He loved your fathers, He chose their descendants after them, and He brought you out of Egypt with His presence, with His mighty power, driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to give you their land as an inheritance as it is today.

Conclusion

✧ Therefore, know this day, and consider in your heart, that **Yehowah Himself is Elohiym in Heaven above and on Earth beneath; There is no other.** [\[Deuteronomy 4:39\]](#)

✧ Therefore, you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today. [\[Deuteronomy 4:40\]](#)

✧ That it may go well with you and with your children after you.

✧ That you may prolong your days in the land which Yehowah Elohey (the Lord Your God) is giving you for all time.