

A Covenant Between God and His People
Deuteronomy 27
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There's a shift from the exposition of the Law to allegiance to the Lord.

Verses 1-8 - Altar on Mt. Ebal

Three things:

- They had to erect stones on which the Law would be displayed
- They had to erect an altar on Mt. Ebal
- Then they had to offer sacrifices.

They were to set up large stones and plaster them and write all of the law on them.

Verses 9-10 - Motivation for Covenant Renewal

He reminds them that they are the redeemed people of God. Their identity and what God has done for them is motivation to keep his commands.

Obedience was to be the result of the covenant. Obedience was to be motivated by gratitude for what God had done for them.

Verses 11-14 - The Ceremony Explained

The tribes that came from Leah (4) and Rachel (2) were to stand on the blessed side, on Mt. Gerizim, and pronounce the blessings.

The sons of the concubines Bilhah (2) and Zilpah (2), along with Reuben and Zebulun, were to stand on Mt. Ebal and proclaim the curses.

Verses 15-26 - The Curses Given

God's People Are Expected:

1. To Know know God's Commands :: vv. 1-8

There is no excuse to not know God's commands

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- David & Uzzah
- What about those who have never heard?

2. To Obey Out of Gratitude :: vv. 9-10

Motivation to obey is who you are and what God has done for you (redeemed you) vv. 9-10

In verses 9-10 - He says that this day you have become the people of the Lord your God. You shall therefore obey the voice of the Lord your God.

1 Peter 1:14-18

1 Peter 2:9-12

Romans 6:1-4, 12-14

3. To Agree With God :: vv. 15-26

A part of entering this covenant is that the people affirmed God's law.

In verses 15-26, after the Levites read the law, it always says, "And all the people said, 'Amen.'" Amen means (so be it).

Ephesians 4:22-24 - Verse 23 says that are to be renewed in our minds. Agree that God is right.

Romans 12:1-2

4. To Obey God :: vv. 15-26

John 8:44 - You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires.

James 1:25 - He will be blessed in his doing.

Proverbs 13:15 - Good sense wins favor, but the way of the treacherous is their ruin.