

Obey God and Prosper

6:1 “Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded *me* to teach you, that you might do *them* in the land where you are going over to possess it, 2 so that you and your son and your grandson might ^afear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, ^ball the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3 “O Israel, you should listen and ¹be careful to do *it*, that ^ait may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* ^ba land flowing with milk and honey.

4 “^aHear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the ^bLORD is one! 5 “And ^ayou shall love the LORD your God ^bwith all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 “And ^athese words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; 7 and ^ayou shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 “^aAnd you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as ¹frontals ²on your forehead. 9 “^aAnd you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 “Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, ^agreat and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and ^ayou shall eat and be satisfied, 12 then watch yourself, lest ^ayou forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹slavery. 13 “^aYou shall ¹fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall ²worship Him, and ^bswear by His name. 14 “^aYou shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, 15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a ^ajealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will ¹wipe you off the face of the earth.

16 “^aYou shall not put the LORD your God to the test, ^bas you tested *Him* at Massah. 17 “^aYou should diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you. 18 “And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that ^ait may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to *give* your fathers, 19 by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

20 “^aWhen your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What *do* the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments *mean* which the LORD our God commanded you?’ 21 then you shall say to your son, ‘We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt; and the LORD brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 ‘Moreover, the LORD showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household; 23 and He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.’ 24 “So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, ^ato fear the LORD our God for our good always and ^bfor our survival, as *it is* today. 25 “And ^ait will be righteousness for us if we ¹are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

^a Ex. 20:20; Deut. 10:12; Ps. 111:10; 128:1; Eccl. 12:13

^b Deut. 4:9

¹ Lit., *keep*

^a Deut. 5:33

^b Ex. 3:8, 17

^a Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:29, 30; Luke 10:27

^b Deut. 4:35, 39; John 10:30; 1 Cor. 8:4; Eph. 4:6

^a Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27

^b Deut. 4:29; 10:12

^a Deut. 11:18

^a Deut. 4:9; 11:19; Eph. 6:4

^a Ex. 12:14; 13:9, 16; Deut. 11:18; Prov. 3:3; 6:21; 7:3

¹ Or, *frontlet bands*

² Lit., *between your eyes*

^a Deut. 11:20

^a Deut. 9:1; 19:1; Josh. 24:13; Ps. 105:44

^a Deut. 8:10; 11:15; 14:29

^a Deut. 4:9

¹ Lit., *slaves*

^a Deut. 13:4; Matt. 4:10; Luke 4:8

¹ Or, *reverence*

² Or, *serve*

^b Deut. 5:11; 10:20; Ps. 63:11; Matt. 5:33

^a Jer. 25:6

^a Deut. 4:24; 5:9

¹ Lit., *destroy*

^a Matt. 4:7; Luke 4:12

^b Ex. 17:7

^a Deut. 11:22; Ps. 119:4

^a Deut. 4:40

^a Ex. 13:8, 14

^a Deut. 10:12; Jer. 32:39

^b Ps. 41:2; Luke 10:28

^a Deut. 24:13; Rom. 10:3

¹ Lit., *keep*

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.