

"That You May Live"
Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 14
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• **God Has Told Us What Is Necessary To Live In Abundance, (vs. 1 - 14)**

- *God Says, Listening To My Word Is Commanded, Not Suggested, (vs. 1)*
- *God Says, Amending My Word Is Not Allowed, (vs. 2)*
 - When I add to God's word, I call God a liar, (vs. 2a)
 - ✚ *"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. **Do not add to his words**, lest he **REBUKE** you and you be found a **LIAR**.*
 - ❖ *Two things I **ASK** of you; deny them not to me before I **DIE**: **REMOVE FAR** from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; **FEED** me with the food that is needful for me,
 - lest I be **FULL** and **DENY** you and **SAY**, "Who is the Lord?"
 - or lest I be **POOR** and **STEAL** and **PROFANE** the name of my God." (Proverbs 30:5-9)*
 - When I take away from God's word, I will replace it with something I create, (vs. 2b)
 - ✚ *"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not **wash** their hands when they **eat**." He **answered** them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?
 - ❖ For God commanded, '**HONOR** your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever **reviles** father or mother **MUST SURELY DIE**.'
 - ❖ But you say, 'If anyone **tells** his father or his mother, "What you would have **gained** from me is given to God," he need not honor his father.'
 - ❖ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he **said**: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, **teaching** as doctrines the commandments of men.'" (Matthew 15:2-9)*
 - My God given nature is to carefully "keep" all that God has spoken to me, (vs. 2c); *"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me." (John 5:30)*
 - ✚ *"Only **BE STRONG** and very **COURAGEOUS**, **being careful to do according to all** the law that Moses my servant **COMMANDED** you.
 - ❖ Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good **SUCCESS** wherever you **GO**.
 - ❖ This Book of the Law shall not **DEPART** from your mouth, but you shall **MEDITATE** on it day and night, so that you may be **CAREFUL** to do according to all that is **written** in it.
 - For then you will make your way **PROSPEROUS**, and then you will have good **SUCCESS**.
 - Have I not **COMMANDED** you? **BE STRONG** and **COURAGEOUS**. Do not be frightened, and do not be **dismayed**, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you **GO**.'" (Joshua 1:7-9)*
 - ✚ *"I warn everyone who **hears** the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone **adds** to them, God will add to him the plagues **DESCRIBED** in this book,

and if anyone **takes** away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are **DESCRIBED** in this book." (Revelation 22:18-19)*

• **Doxology**

- God Says, Obeying My Word Has Very Real Consequences, (vs. 3 – 4)
- God Says, Acknowledging My Word As The Sovereign Rule Is A Must, (vs. 5)
- God Says, Making My Word A Priority Will Be Noticed By Others, (vs. 6)
- God Says, Accepting My Word Puts You In A Very Special Place, (vs. 7 – 8)
- God Says, Hiding My Word In Your Heart Doesn't Mean Hiding It From Your Children, (vs. 9)
- God Says, Fearing My Word Is The Basis Of Lasting Wisdom, (vs. 10)
- God Says, Remembering My Word Comes With Real Power Can't Be Overlooked, (vs. 11)
- God Says, Believing My Word Is Dependent On Who I Am & Not What You Experience, (vs. 12)
- God Says, Communicating My Word Is Straight Forward & Understandable, (vs. 13)
- God Says, Following My Word Has To Be Part Of Who You Are, (vs. 14)

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