

## Deuteronomy 11:1-21 **Obey the Commandments of God that your days may be long**

### Basic Concept

<sup>1</sup> "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.

### You are Eyewitnesses of What God Has Done

<sup>2</sup> Know today that I do not speak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the LORD your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm-- <sup>3</sup> His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land; <sup>4</sup> what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and their chariots: how He made the waters of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day; <sup>5</sup> what He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place; <sup>6</sup> and what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel-- <sup>7</sup> but your eyes have seen every great act of the LORD which He did.

### Your Strength and Longevity in the Land depend on your Obedience to God

<sup>8</sup> "Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, <sup>9</sup> and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

### The Good Land Watched Over by God

<sup>10</sup> "For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; <sup>11</sup> but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, <sup>12</sup> a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

### Blessing for Obedience

<sup>13</sup> 'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup> then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. <sup>15</sup> And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'

### Punishment for Disobedience

<sup>16</sup> "Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, <sup>17</sup> lest the LORD's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

### Reason to Internalize the Words of God

<sup>18</sup> "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup> You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>20</sup> And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on

your gates, <sup>21</sup> that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

**Basic Concept** [Deuteronomy 11:1]

- ✧ Love the LORD your God [Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12, 11:1, 22, Joshua 22:5, 23:11, Psalm 31:23, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27]
- ✧ Keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always. [Exodus 15:26, 19:5-6, Leviticus 18:4-5, 26, 30, 20:22, 22:31, 25:18, Deuteronomy 4:2, 40, 6:2, 17-18, 7:11-12, 8:6, 10:12-13, 11:1, 11]

**You are Eyewitnesses of What God Has Done** [Deuteronomy 11:2-7]

- ✧ You have seen:
  - ◇ The Chastening of Yehowah Eloheyk (the Lord your God).
  - ◇ His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm.
  - ◇ His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land
  - ◇ What He did to the army of Egypt, their horses and chariots.
    - ❖ How He destroyed them in the waters of the Red Sea as they pursued you.
  - ◇ How He kept and provided for you in the Wilderness until you came to this place.
  - ◇ What He did to Dathan and Abiram, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with their households, their tents, and all the substance in their possession, in the midst of all Israel.
  - ◇ Every great act of Yehowah which He did.

**Your Strength and Longevity in the Land depend on your Obedience to God** [Deuteronomy 11:8-9]

- ✧ Therefore, you shall keep every commandment which I command you today:
  - ◇ That you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess.
  - ◇ That you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.

**The Good Land Watched Over by God** [Deuteronomy 11:10-12]

- ✧ The land which you go to possess;
  - ◇ Is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden.
  - ◇ It is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven.
  - ◇ It is a land for which the LORD your God cares.
  - ◇ The eyes of Yehowah Eloheyk (the LORD your God) are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

**Blessing for Obedience – Early Rain and Latter Rain** [Leviticus 26:3-5, Deuteronomy 11:13-15]

- ✧ If you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul:
  - ◇ Then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil
  - ◇ I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.

**Warning of Punishment for Disobedience** [Deuteronomy 11:16-17]

- ✧ Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them lest Yehowah's (the LORD's) anger be aroused against you:
  - ◇ And He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain.
  - ◇ And the land yield no produce.
  - ◇ And you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

**Reason to Internalize the Words of God** [Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 6:6-9]

- ✧ Therefore you shall internalize these Words of Mine in your heart and soul;
  - ✧ Bind them as a sign on your hand.
  - ✧ They shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
- ✧ Teach them to your children, speak of them;
  - ✧ When you sit in your house.
  - ✧ When you walk by the way.
  - ✧ When you lie down.
  - ✧ When you rise up
- ✧ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
- ✧ That your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which Yehowah (the LORD) swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.  
[\[Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 40, 5:33, 6:1-3, 7:11-15, 8:1-3, 10:13, 11:18-21, 12:28, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Luke 10:25-28, Galatians 3:12\]](#)