



Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal



Remember and Worship

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Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, “A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

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And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.”

And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.

And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Deuteronomy 26:12-13

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Deuteronomy 26:13-15

“I have not transgressed any of your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. I have not eaten of the tithe while I was mourning, or removed any of it while I was unclean, or offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD my God. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

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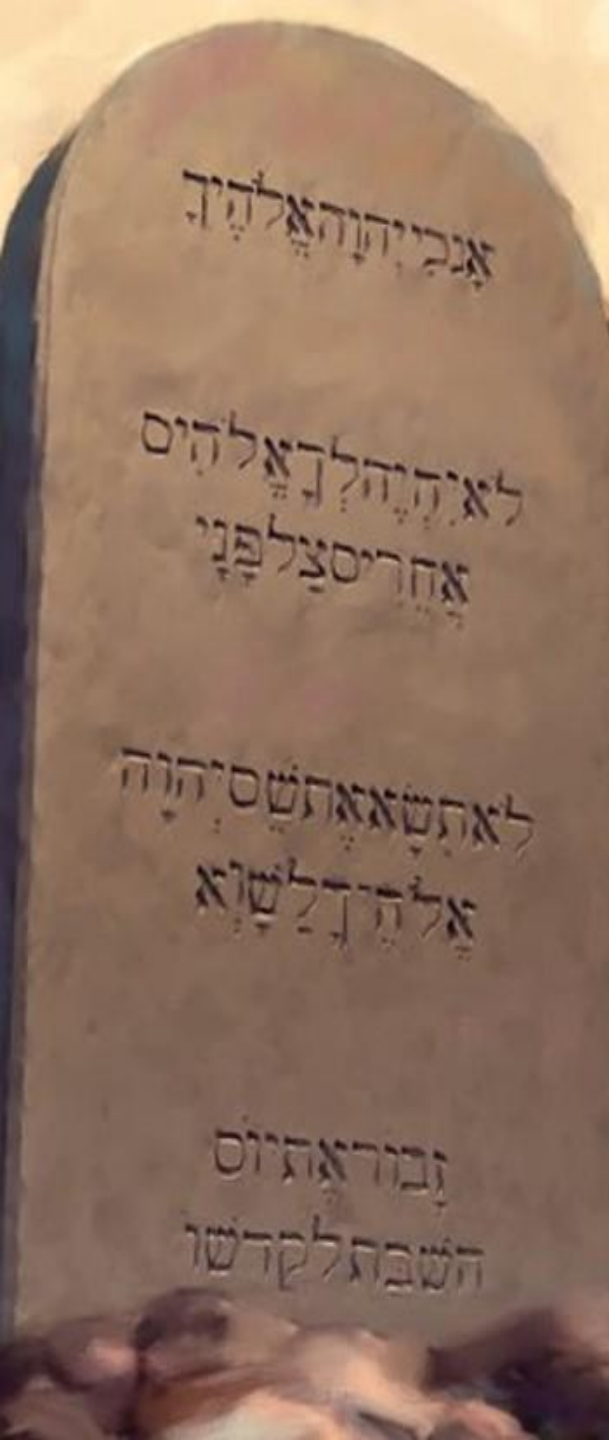
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Main Point

Right worship requires right knowledge and right practice; but because we are prone to forget, we must endeavor to remember rightly.



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we worship.

Right Knowledge

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God's covenant name *Yahweh*
is repeated **19x** in this chapter alone.

His name identifies Him as the one
and only, self-existent God who is
the Sovereign Lord over all.

Who do we worship?

Deuteronomy 10:17

For the LORD your God is the **God of gods** and the **Lord of lords**, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

He who is the blessed and **only Sovereign**,
the **King of kings** and **Lord of lords**, who alone possesses
immortality and dwells in unapproachable light,
whom no man has seen or can see.
To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.”

Right Knowledge

Remember, we worship the LORD of lords!

Remember, we worship the LORD of grace!

What has He said of Himself?

Exodus 34:6-7

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed,
“The LORD, the LORD God, **compassionate and gracious**,
slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;
who keeps lovingkindness for thousands,
who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;
yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...”

What was their condition?

Deuteronomy 26:4-7

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What did the LORD do?

Deuteronomy 26:4-7

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Moses refers to the *gift* of land 7x in this chapter and nearly **70x** in the book!
Why did He give it to them?

Deuteronomy 9:4-6

Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before you, “Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land...”

It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land...

Know, then, it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people.”

All the LORD's gifts to them **and**
to us are pure acts of grace!

Right worship depends on a right
understanding of the God of grace
and of the grace of God.

Right Knowledge

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Remember, we worship the LORD of promise!

Remember the Covenant

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He initiated the covenant!

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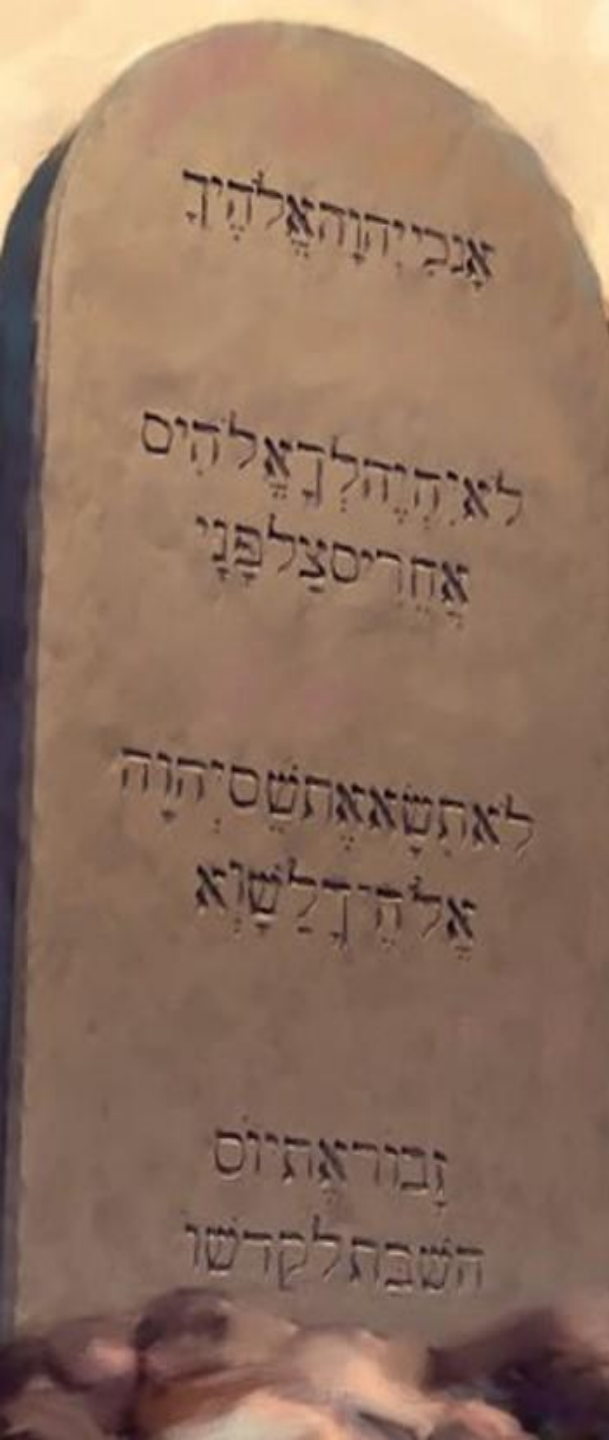
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as He promised.

Moses reminded the people nearly **40x** that the LORD swore a promise to them!

Right worship requires that we know the God of promise and that we know His promises.



Remember and Worship

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Rightly remember *why*
we worship.

Right Reasons

Remember, we worship because
the LORD is **due** our worship.

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Worship is not optional!

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It is possible to acknowledge that God is *worthy* of worship while at the same time functioning as though worship is optional.

Do we believe that it is right to call **everyone** to worship God?

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Remember, we worship because
the LORD is our Redeemer.

Deuteronomy 26:8-9

And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

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He made them His own!

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He set them apart!

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What about us?

Titus 2:13-14

...our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus...
gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed,
and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession,
zealous for good deeds.

We worship Him because He purchased us with His precious blood making us to be His precious possession.

Right Reasons

Remember, we worship because the LORD is due our worship.

Remember, we worship because the LORD is our Redeemer.

**Remember, we worship because
the LORD is our Provider.**

Remember His Provisions!

“...the land which the LORD **your God is giving you**”

“...harvest from your land that **the LORD your God is giving.**”

“...**He gave us this land**...flowing with milk and honey.”

“...the fruit of the ground, which **you, O LORD, have given me.**”

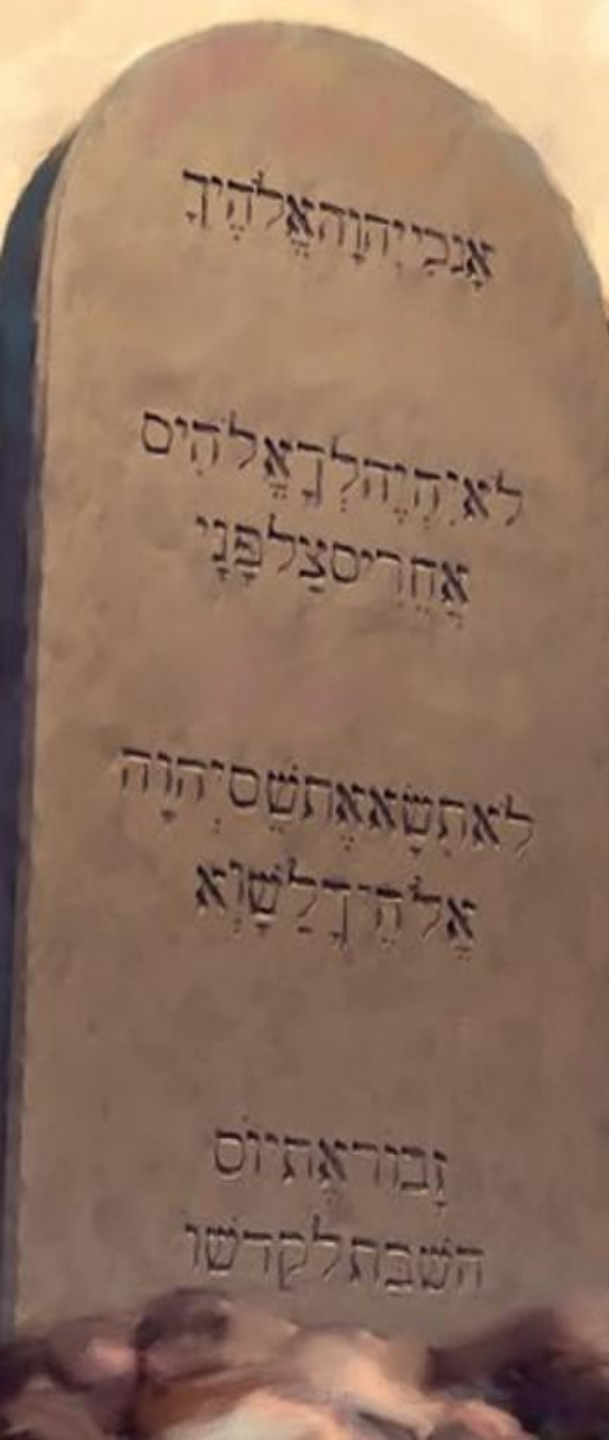
“...all the good the LORD **your God has given to you.**”

Nothing comes apart from Him!

Acts 17:25

He Himself gives to all people life and breath and **all things**.

Gratitude to God is worship.
Remember, His greatest gift
to you is Christ!



Remember and Worship

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Right Practices

Remember that we worship by going.

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and **you shall go to the place that the**
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will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

Going was key to their worship.

12:26 "...**go** to the place which the LORD chooses."

14:25 "...**go** to the place which the LORD your God chooses."

17:8 "...**go** up to the place which the LORD your God chooses."

They were called to go worship at the temple,
the visible representation of His presence.

What aspects of your worship
indicate you believe that you are
still called to go to Him?

Right Practices

Remember that we worship by going.

Remember that we worship by giving.

By giving back to the LORD

Deuteronomy 26:1-2 and 10-11

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Giving is worship!

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By giving to the needs of others

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Giving indicates gratitude and demonstrates faith in God's promise to provide.

Remember to worship the Lord by giving, and make your giving worship!

Right Practices

Remember that we worship by going.

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Remember that we worship by confession.

They were called to make confession

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God commanded them to responses,
recitations, and confessions.

How do you see responses and confessions?

Have we so *personalized* our
relationship with the Lord that we
now believe our worship can be
customized to our own preferences?

Conclusion

If we desire to worship God rightly,
we must endeavor to know Him rightly.

If we desire to worship God rightly,
we must desire to worship Him as HE
desires to be worshipped.