

Deuteronomy 11-13 English Standard Version

Love and Serve the LORD

11 "You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. **2** And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline^[a] of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, **3** his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land, **4** and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day, **5** and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place, **6** and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel. **7** For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did.

8 "You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, **9** and that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey. **10** For the land that you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it,^[b] like a garden of vegetables. **11** But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, **12** a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

13 "And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, **14** he^[c] will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. **15** And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. **16** Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them; **17** then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish quickly off the good land that the LORD is giving you.

18 "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **19** You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **20** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, **21** that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. **22** For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, **23** then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. **24** Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to^[d] the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. **25** No one shall be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

26 "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: **27** the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, **28** and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known. **29** And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. **30** Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, toward the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oak[e] of Moreh? **31** For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you. And when you possess it and live in it, **32** you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting before you today.

The LORD's Chosen Place of Worship

12 "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. **2** You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. **3** You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. **4** You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way. **5** But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation[f] there. There you shall go, **6** and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. **7** And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

8 "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, **9** for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the LORD your God is giving you. **10** But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, **11** then to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the LORD. **12** And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you. **13** Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, **14** but at the place that the LORD will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you.

15 "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your towns, as much as you desire, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle and as of the deer. **16** Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it out on the earth like water. **17** You may not eat within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of your vow offerings that you vow, or your freewill offerings or the contribution that you present, **18** but you shall eat them before the LORD your God in the place that the LORD your God will choose, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your towns. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all that you undertake. **19** Take care that you do not neglect the Levite as long as you live in your land.

20 "When the LORD your God enlarges your territory, as he has promised you, and you say, 'I will eat meat,' because you crave meat, you may eat meat whenever you desire. **21** If the place that the LORD your

God will choose to put his name there is too far from you, then you may kill any of your herd or your flock, which the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your towns whenever you desire. **22** Just as the gazelle or the deer is eaten, so you may eat of it. The unclean and the clean alike may eat of it. **23** Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh. **24** You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the earth like water. **25** You shall not eat it, that all may go well with you and with your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD. **26** But the holy things that are due from you, and your vow offerings, you shall take, and you shall go to the place that the LORD will choose, **27** and offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God. The blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, but the flesh you may eat. **28** Be careful to obey all these words that I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Warning Against Idolatry

29 "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, **30** take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.' **31** You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 [g] "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

13 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, **2** and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' **3** you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. **4** You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. **5** But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil[h] from your midst.

6 "If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace[i] or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have known, **7** some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, **8** you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him. **9** But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. **10** You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **11** And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you.

12 "If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God is giving you to dwell there, **13** that certain worthless fellows have gone out among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, **14** then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently. And behold, if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been done among you, **15** you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction,[j] all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword. **16** You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It

shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. **17** None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers, **18** if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, keeping all his commandments that I am commanding you today, and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Footnotes

- a. [Deuteronomy 11:2](#) Or *instruction*
- b. [Deuteronomy 11:10](#) Hebrew *watered it with your feet*
- c. [Deuteronomy 11:14](#) Samaritan, Septuagint, Vulgate; Hebrew *I*; also verse [15](#)
- d. [Deuteronomy 11:24](#) Hebrew *and*
- e. [Deuteronomy 11:30](#) Septuagint, Syriac; see [Genesis 12:6](#). Hebrew *oaks, or terebinths*
- f. [Deuteronomy 12:5](#) Or *name as its habitation*
- g. [Deuteronomy 12:32](#) Ch 13:1 in Hebrew
- h. [Deuteronomy 13:5](#) Or *evil person*
- i. [Deuteronomy 13:6](#) Hebrew *the wife of your bosom*
- j. [Deuteronomy 13:15](#) That is, setting apart (devoting) as an offering to the Lord (for destruction)

Luke 4:31-44 English Standard Version

Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Demon

31 And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, **32** and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. **33** And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, **34** "Ha!^[a] What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." **35** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. **36** And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" **37** And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

Jesus Heals Many

38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. **39** And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. **41** And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

Jesus Preaches in Synagogues

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, **43** but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." **44** And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.[b]

Footnotes

- a. [Luke 4:34](#) Or *Leave us alone*
- b. [Luke 4:44](#) Some manuscripts *Galilee*

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