

"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, Obeying My Word Is Straight Forward & Understandable, (vs. 13)
 - Obedience to God's word is impossible without a personal relationship with God, (vs. 13a); *"Now therefore, if you will indeed OBEY my voice and KEEP my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall BE to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."* (Exodus 19:5-6)
 - *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was CALLED to go out to a place that he WAS to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not KNOWING where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, LIVING in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was LOOKING forward to the city that HAS foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had PROMISED. Therefore from one man, and him as good as DEAD, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."* (Hebrews 11:8-12)
 - Obedience to God's word is actively submitting to God's sovereignty, (vs. 13b); *"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. ABIDE in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have KEPT my Father's commandments and abide in his love."* (John 15:8-10)
 - Obedience to God's word is simply an expression of God's nature indwelling you, (vs. 13c); *"When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him."* (Exodus 34:29-30)
 - *"Now if the ministry of death, CARVED in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an END, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory." "Indeed, in this case, what once had GLORY has come to have no GLORY at all, because of the glory that SURPASSES it. For if what was being brought to an END came with glory, much more will what is PERMANENT have glory."* (2 Corinthians 3:7-11)
 - Obedience to God's word is etched in stone, (vs. 13d); *"For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them."* (2 Peter 2:21)

- God Says, Following My Word Has To Be Part Of Who You Are, (vs. 14)