DEUTERONOMY—BOOK OF OBEDIENCE

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Deuteronomy is the fifth book of Moses, the giving of the Law of Moses to the second generation, and farewell messages by Moses. The new generation is going to possess the land of Canaan. Moses discusses the importance of their obedience.

Obedience involved doing the will of God. "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. Therefore be careful to observe them ... " {Deuteronomy 4:5,6} Blessings have always come to God's people for obedience to His will. "The blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today." {Deuteronomy 11:27}

Obedience involves not tampering with God's will. "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." (Deuteronomy 4:2) This is a must for all of God's people. His words are His and are unchangeable. "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it." {Deuteronomy 12:32} Man would do well to always remember that God is wiser than him. How can one whom is created be wiser and more knowledgeable than the Creator?

Obedience involves teaching." Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren." {Deuteronomy 4:9} Why do we need to teach? " ... Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children." {Deuteronomy 4:l0} Their children needed to be taught the ways of God and the necessity of keeping His word.

Dear reader, do you practice and teach obedience? Only by true obedience from the heart can one ever hope to please our Father in heaven. Heaven is for the obedient believer! ***