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Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26

26 **1** “When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you as a special possession and you have conquered it and settled there, **2** put some of the first produce from each crop you harvest into a basket and bring it to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored. **3** Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, ‘With this gift I acknowledge to the LORD your God that I have entered the land he swore to our ancestors he would give us.’ **4** The priest will then take the basket from your hand and set it before the altar of the LORD your God. **5** “You must then say in the presence of the LORD your God, ‘My ancestor Jacob was a wandering Aramean who went to live as a foreigner in Egypt. His family arrived few in number, but in Egypt they became a large and mighty nation. **6** When the Egyptians oppressed and humiliated us by making us their slaves, **7** we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors. He heard our cries and saw our hardship, toil, and oppression. **8** So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and powerful arm, with overwhelming terror, and with miraculous signs and wonders. **9** He brought us to this place and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey! **10** And now, O LORD, I have brought you the first portion of the harvest you have given me from the ground.’ Then place the produce before the LORD your God, and bow to the ground in worship before him. **11** Afterward you may go and celebrate because of all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household. Remember to include the Levites and the foreigners living among you in the celebration. **12** “Every third year you must offer a special tithe of your crops. In this year of the special tithe you must give your tithes to the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows, so that they will have enough to eat in your towns. **13** Then you must declare in the presence of the LORD your God, ‘I have taken the sacred gift from my house and have given it to the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows, just as you commanded me. I have not violated or forgotten any of your commands. **14** I have not eaten any of it while in mourning; I have not handled it

while I was ceremonially unclean; and I have not offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the LORD my God and have done everything you commanded me. **15** Now look down from your holy dwelling place in heaven and bless your people Israel and the land you swore to our ancestors to give us—a land flowing with milk and honey.’ **16** “Today the LORD your God has commanded you to obey all these decrees and regulations. So be careful to obey them wholeheartedly. **17** You have declared today that the LORD is your God. And you have promised to walk in his ways, and to obey his decrees, commands, and regulations, and to do everything he tells you. **18** The LORD has declared today that you are his people, his own special treasure, just as he promised, and that you must obey all his commands. **19** And if you do, he will set you high above all the other nations he has made. Then you will receive praise, honor, and renown. You will be a nation that is holy to the LORD your God, just as he promised.”

27 **1** Then Moses and the leaders of Israel gave this charge to the people: “Obey all these commands that I am giving you today. **2** When you cross the Jordan River and enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, set up some large stones and coat them with plaster. **3** Write this whole body of instruction on them when you cross the river to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you—a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. **4** When you cross the Jordan, set up these stones at Mount Ebal and coat them with plaster, as I am commanding you today. **5** “Then build an altar there to the LORD your God, using natural, uncut stones. You must not shape the stones with an iron tool. **6** Build the altar of uncut stones, and use it to offer burnt offerings to the LORD your God. **7** Also sacrifice peace offerings on it, and celebrate by feasting there before the LORD your God. **8** You must clearly write all these instructions on the stones coated with plaster.” **9** Then Moses and the Levitical priests addressed all Israel as follows: “O Israel, be quiet and listen! Today you have become the people of the LORD your God. **10** So you must obey the LORD your God by keeping all these commands and decrees that I am giving you today.” **11** That same day Moses also gave this charge to the people: **12** “When you cross the Jordan River, the tribes of Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin must stand on Mount Gerizim to proclaim a blessing over the people. **13** And the tribes of Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali must stand on Mount Ebal to proclaim a curse. **14** “Then the Levites will shout to all the people of Israel: **15** ‘Cursed is anyone who carves or casts an idol and secretly sets it up. These idols, the work of craftsmen, are detestable to the LORD.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.’ **16** ‘Cursed is anyone who dishonors father or mother.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.’ **17** ‘Cursed is anyone who steals property from a neighbor by moving a boundary marker.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.’ **18** ‘Cursed is anyone who leads a blind person astray on the road.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.’ **19** ‘Cursed is anyone who denies justice to foreigners, orphans, or widows.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.’ **20** ‘Cursed is

anyone who has sexual intercourse with one of his father's wives, for he has violated his father.' And all the people will reply, 'Amen.' **21** 'Cursed is anyone who has sexual intercourse with an animal.' And all the people will reply, 'Amen.' **22** 'Cursed is anyone who has sexual intercourse with his sister, whether she is the daughter of his father or his mother.' And all the people will reply, 'Amen.' **23** 'Cursed is anyone who has sexual intercourse with his mother-in-law.' And all the people will reply, 'Amen.' **24** 'Cursed is anyone who attacks a neighbor in secret.' And all the people will reply, 'Amen.' **25** 'Cursed is anyone who accepts payment to kill an innocent person.' And all the people will reply, 'Amen.' **26** 'Cursed is anyone who does not affirm and obey the terms of these instructions.' And all the people will reply, 'Amen.'

Psalm 76:1-12

76 **1** God is honored in Judah; his name is great in Israel. **2** Jerusalem is where he lives; Mount Zion is his home. **3** There he has broken the fiery arrows of the enemy, the shields and swords and weapons of war. Interlude **4** You are glorious and more majestic than the everlasting mountains. **5** Our boldest enemies have been plundered. They lie before us in the sleep of death. No warrior could lift a hand against us. **6** At the blast of your breath, O God of Jacob, their horses and chariots lay still. **7** No wonder you are greatly feared! Who can stand before you when your anger explodes? **8** From heaven you sentenced your enemies; the earth trembled and stood silent before you. **9** You stand up to judge those who do evil, O God, and to rescue the oppressed of the earth. Interlude **10** Human defiance only enhances your glory, for you use it as a weapon. **11** Make vows to the LORD your God, and keep them. Let everyone bring tribute to the Awesome One. **12** For he breaks the pride of princes, and the kings of the earth fear him.

Proverbs 12:15-17

12 **15** Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. **16** A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted. **17** An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies.

Luke 10:38-11:13

10 38 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. **39** Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. **40** But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." **41** But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! **42** There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

11 1 Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." **2** Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. **3** Give us each day the food we need, **4** and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation. " **5** Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, **6** 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' **7** And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' **8** But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. **9** "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **11** "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? **12** Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! **13** So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."