

**Deuteronomy 6:1-25**

v1 – commands	(noun, pl.)	orders
v1 – decrees	(noun, pl.)	laws or rules made by someone with authority
v1 – observe	(verb)	obey, follow
v3 – land flowing with milk and honey (phrase)		Israel; the land given to God’s chosen people (which is productive)
v6 – upon	(noun)	on; on top of
v7 – impress	(verb)	urge or emphasise the importance of something on another person
v8 – tie	(verb)	fasten; make (something) secure e.g. with a knot; hold in place using a piece of string or rope
v8 – symbols	(noun, pl.)	objects that represent or stand for something else
v8 – bind	(verb)	make secure with a band, rope etc; make (something) stick
v8 – foreheads	(noun, pl.)	the part of the face between the eyes and the hairline (see image)
v10 – swore	(verb)	declared as true; promised
v10 – flourishing	(adjective)	prospering; doing well
v11 – provide	(verb)	supply; make available
v11 – vineyards	(noun, pl.)	plantations of grape vines
v11 – groves	(noun, pl.)	small plantations; groups of trees that are close together
v11 – satisfied	(adjective)	happy because one has got what they wanted or needed
v12 – slavery	(noun)	the situation where someone else owns you, has total control over you and you must do what they tell you
v13 – oaths	(noun, pl.)	solemn pronouncements of truth, or promises to act
v15 – jealous	(adjective)	requiring exclusive loyalty; angry when love is shown to someone else
v16 - Massah	(place)	part of modern day Libya; where the God provided water for his people after they complained against him (see Exodus 17)
v17 – stipulations	(noun, pl.)	statements saying clearly that something must be done
v18 – forefathers	(noun, pl.)	ancestors (especially male); elders
v19 – thrusting	(verb)	forcing a passage; pushing into
v20 – commanded	(verb)	ordered; required; compelled
v21 – slaves	(noun, pl.)	people legally owned by someone else against their will, and who must do whatever the owner requires



v8 – doorframes (noun, pl.)

v22 – miraculous	(adjective)	surprising; marvellous; thought to be impossible to do
v22 – household	(noun)	family; everyone involved in the running of a house
v24 – prosper	(adjective)	thrive; succeed
v25 – righteousness	(verb)	blameless; right or just

#### Deuteronomy 6:1-25 (New International Reader's Version)

**6** The LORD your God has directed me to teach you his commands, rules and laws. Obey them in the land you will take over when you go across the Jordan River. <sup>2</sup>Then you, your children and their children after them will honour the LORD your God as long as you live. Obey all his rules and commands I'm giving you. If you do, you will enjoy long life. <sup>3</sup>Israel, listen to me. Make sure you obey me. Then things will go well with you. The number of your people will increase greatly in a land that has plenty of milk and honey. That's what the LORD, the God of your parents, promised you.

<sup>4</sup>Israel, listen to me. The LORD is our God. The LORD is the one and only God. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Make sure your children learn them. Talk about them when you are at home. Talk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you go to bed. And speak about them when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Write them down and tie them on your hands as a reminder. Also tie them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses. Also write them on your gates.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD your God will bring you into the land of Canaan. He gave his word. He promised he would give the land to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The land has large, wealthy cities you didn't build. <sup>11</sup>It has houses filled with all kinds of good things you didn't provide. The land has wells you didn't dig. And it has vineyards and groves of olive trees you didn't plant. You will have plenty to eat. <sup>12</sup>But be careful that you don't forget the LORD. Remember that he brought you out of Egypt. That's the land where you were slaves.

<sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD your God. He is the only one you should serve. When you make promises, do so in his name. <sup>14</sup>Don't serve the gods of the nations around you. <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God is among you. He wants you to worship only him. If you worship other gods, God will be very angry with you. And he will destroy you from the face of the land. <sup>16</sup>Don't test the LORD your God as you did at Massah. <sup>17</sup>Be sure to obey the LORD's commands. Obey the terms and rules he has given you. <sup>18</sup>Do what is right and good in the LORD's eyes. Then things will go well with you. You will go in and take over the land. It's the good land the LORD promised to your people of long ago. <sup>19</sup>You will drive out all your enemies to make room for you. That's what the LORD said would happen.

<sup>20</sup>Later on, your child might ask you, "What is the meaning of the terms, rules and laws the LORD our God has commanded you to obey?" <sup>21</sup>If they do ask you, tell them, "We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. But the LORD used his mighty hand to bring us out of Egypt. <sup>22</sup>With our own eyes we saw the LORD send amazing signs. They were great and terrible. He sent them on Egypt and Pharaoh and everyone in his house. <sup>23</sup>But the LORD brought us out of Egypt. He planned to bring us into the land of Canaan and give it to us. It's the land he promised to our people of long ago. <sup>24</sup>The LORD our God commanded us to obey all his rules. He commanded us to honour him. If we do, we will always succeed and be kept alive. That's what is happening today. <sup>25</sup>We must make sure we obey the whole law in the sight of the LORD our God. That's what he has commanded us to do. If we obey his law, we'll be doing what he requires of us."

#### John 14:15-21

v15 – command	(verb)	orders; tell someone to do something
v16 – counsellor	(noun)	someone who gives help and guidance about personal issues
v18 – orphans	(noun)	children whose parents have died

#### John 14:15-21 (New International Reader's Version)

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, obey my commands. <sup>16</sup>I will ask the Father. And he will give you another friend to help you and to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>That friend is the Spirit of truth. The world can't accept him. That's because the world does not see him or know him. But you know him. He lives with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you like children who don't have parents. I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore. But you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father. You will know that you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Anyone who has my commands and obeys them loves me. My Father will love the one who loves me. I too will love them. And I will show myself to them."

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