

The Wilderness (76): A Reminder to Honor God's Worthiness, Deut 26

Much of Deut addresses when the children of Israel will come & dwell in the Promised Land. Moses (26) concludes his teaching on God's ordinances (12) that expand the 10 commandments. Obedience must converge on worship (26) as it must begin with worship (12).

How Does the Covenant Community Display God's Worthiness?

1. Offer God praise and honor through **giving the first fruits**. 1-11
 - a. Take, bring, put, and go with your offering.
 - 1) This spells out what has been taught before. 18:4; Ex 22:29
 - 2) This is contingent on the Lord's promise of entering the land.
 - b. Say, declare, worship, and rejoice before the Lord.
 - 1) This recounts God's purposes and promises.
 - 2) This mandates concern and giving to the Levite and stranger.
2. Offer God praise and honor by **giving the 3rd year tithe**. 12-15
 - a. This spells out what has been taught before. 14:28-29
 - b. This mandates concern by giving for the Levite, stranger, fatherless, and widow.
 - c. Declare obedience and seek God's blessings.
3. Offer God praise and honor by **accepting His covenant**. 16-19
 - a. Accepting God's covenant creates personal responsibility.
 - b. Accepting God's covenant places God to fulfill His promises.

5 Great Lessons

1. Honoring God's worthiness acknowledges **His generosity**.
2. Honoring God's worthiness recalls **His faithfulness**.
3. Honoring God's worthiness praises **His holiness**.
4. Honoring God's worthiness obeys **His commands**.
5. Honoring God's worthiness affirms **His ways are truth**.