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## A Call to Perpetual Obedience 4:1-40

- Obedience will bring life and position you to enjoy God's blessings. 1-4
  - A caution to not alter God's commands
  - A reminder that obeying God's commands is the reason the people standing before him are alive on that day. 4:3-4
- Obedience will be a witness to the world about the wisdom and righteousness of the statutes. 5-8
- Obedience requires passing the statutes and the history of these statutes to the next generation. 9-13

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- Obedience requires total rejection of idols or any images that would attempt to represent God. 15-31
  - No form or object can adequately represent God. 15-18
  - God's creation inspires awe and wonder but must never be worshipped. 19-20
  - Disobedience to God is a form of idolatry since we are bowing to our will rather than God's will. 21-23
  - Because God is a consuming fire and a jealous God, idolatry always brings His judgment. 24-28
  - Because the LORD your God is a merciful God, His people will be preserved because of His covenant with them. 29-31

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- Obedience finds its motivation in what the one true living God had done for His people. 32-39
  - God spoke directly to His people at Sinai 32-33
  - God has chosen these people from among the nations of the world. 34-35
  - God delivered His people from Egypt with a great demonstration of His power
  - God loved and chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their offspring
  - God will drive out all of these nations who are more powerful than the Israelites.
- Obedience is a key factor in staying in the land they will go in to possess. 40

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