

## Keep (Deu. 6:1-15)

As you live your life you face hardships. There are times when things may not go according to your plan so you become frustrated and quite upset with it. However, at that moment God gave us the covenant. We are believers of God that is why for us to abide by God is unchanging. How is it possible for us to continuously abide with God, it is to hold to the covenant. May you once again confirm the covenant and may the blessing be upon you. According to today's passage the word that God has given to us is to keep. It is the promise of God that if you keep his commandment then he will bless you. That is why our walk of faith is very simple. It is very simple, the Lord says if you keep my commandments I will be with you. But in most cases we have the nature of Genesis 3 that we do not keep the commandments yet, we continuously seek after answers. However, that is the problem because we desire to just simply receive answers without keeping his commandments but yet God says I will answer to you when you keep my commandments. That is the conflict between yourself and God. May the blessing be upon you to change yourself. Today is the day that we observe the 237 mission worship Sunday. The 25th World Mission Conference has concluded by his grace and we are in the mission field that God has sent us to. It will be the time in which we are able to once again hold to the covenant and pray. The old testament is based on the history of the Israelites. This is not merely a story, this is the truth and this has taken place. This has taken place this is why the Lord recorded it in the bible. God wrote it in his own perspective. It is God who intervened within the history of the Israelites that is the fundamental message behind it. There was always God's living principle behind it. The principle behind all his words was that he told the Israelites do not fall into idol worship, serve me, and testify the gospel. It's the same if you keep his commandments and the principle the Lord says I will bless you, I will answer to you, and open the doors for you. For the Israelites they did not follow after the principles of God that is why they fell into captivity, colonization, and slavery. In the midst of the hardships God has prepared a few of the people who held to the gospel. Through them God spread the gospel movement. They were taken as a slave yet, God utilized them as the historical figure of the evangelist to save the nation. God's desire is unchanging even now. That is why you must confess to Christ and do your best to testify to the gospel. The main theme of the World Mission Conference was the 70 disciples and 70 regions. It was the theme of the 70 tribes and the 70 nations. Of course, the main point is that Jesus Christ has raised the disciples but he also raised the 70 disciples. Along with this we must possess the spiritual eyes to see the age. When you are able to see what is needed in this age you will be able to align yourself as you live your life to God's desire. For the sake of that you align your life direction and you pray for that. God

gave historical answers to those who lived this way. He did not only give it to the leaders he even blessed the female workers of God. The representative female worker he used was Moses' mother Jochabed. Of course, it was such a tremendous blessing that she received to be the mother of the one who was greatly used as the figure of that age. To all the mothers here, may you think about it. Is there a far greater blessing than this especially for Samuel's mother Hannah, she was able to overturn the age. As a mother there is nothing more precious than this blessing. Especially, to all the mothers, may you correctly hold onto the covenant and pray for your children to raise them well. Rahab herself was a prostitute but she simply aligned herself to God's direction to which God overturned her life and used her as a figure to be within Jesus' genealogy. To be honest, she was a prostitute but she held onto the covenant and her entire household was saved. Also the scouts promised her if you simply put down the red yarn from your window then you will be saved. So she called her mother, father, her siblings, and all her relatives to come to her house. At that time all the people including the livestock were all put to death but it was Rahab's family line that survived and was saved. The red yarn signified Jesus Christ, the precious blood of the cross. What is the characteristic of this age? It is a spiritual problem and spiritual problems are not your average problems. Another characteristic is the age of media and without media you can't do anything. Now we are living in the age of 237 nations. If you simply lived off well in a small village you were well off. Even for those who were able to make a living they became the richest person in the small village. That's why you have to be number one not only in the village but worldwide because all these products are coming overseas from different nations. That is the age of 237. Illness and disease is on the rise that is why healing is needed. I do believe that bio-tech will be on the rise in the near future. We are now living in this age. That is why it is your prayer topic. If I am living in this age, what must I do? God I am living in this age so how can I align myself to this age? God will give you His method to which you can align your life for the sake of this age. And that is God's specific plan for you so that you can align yourself in this age. You cannot do it all. You must be able to do at least one of them. That is what we call talent. May you pray and seek after what God has prepared for you for this age. Then you can receive the answer worth a hundred years. It is a sure fact that we are the church that has the correct gospel. There are times when I think to myself that it would be nice if we had a church revival. Of course, God's first and foremost thought is to use our church to go and save the dying churches of America. May you think about this. If you are able to testify the correct gospel to the churches of America that are dying, this is the hundred year answer. This is worth a thousand years. Not only for yourself, but there are many missionaries that are full force being used for missions in Latin America. If the gospel movement is being used through you in Latin America, that is also the hundred year

answer. I may not be so accurate, but there are not that many missionaries in America. Many churches of America are so bold and confident of themselves so they don't accept the gospel. They are smart so they speak of other things. Individualism is so great, however if you incorrectly speak of it, you will hurt their pride. But that is not needed. You must seek after the one that God has prepared. You must be able to tell them that this is the gospel and biblical movement, "Would you like to take part in it?" If they say yes, then you must relay all of the messages and contents that you have gained. Little by little, you must save the dying churches of America. I believe this is God's plan and that the megachurches will easily come within this gospel movement. They are so bold and confident in their gospel, so why would they listen to others? But rather, we must seek after the pastors who are in a difficult time and poor and need our help. We must always have the mindset to help them and go together. You must be able to pray asking how you could be used in this biblical evangelism to testify the accurate gospel to save them. For the business people, you must pray for the economy. That is your calling and mission. One by one you must be able to save them with the gospel. This is the first prayer topic that you must pray for as you live in America. As we are observing the 237 Mission Worship Sunday, the Word that God gives to you is to keep the Commandments. The Lord says, "You can't do it but I will do it for you. The one condition is for you to keep My Word."

## 1. Keep

Therefore you must be able to first keep it. The summary of today's bible passage is that if you are able to keep it, God will be at work. The book of Deuteronomy records the works of God through Moses as he was able to relay this through him to the people of Israel. It was a way for Him to plant the Word of God in the Israelites' hearts. Verse 2 states, "that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long." Who is this to? To you. You must first keep it. Then, have your son keep it. Then, have your son's son keep it. To keep what? To keep all his statutes and his commandments. Then it states that your days will be long. Verse 3 states, "Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey." We all desire to live a grand life. You must be able to live a great multiple life if you keep His Word. These two verses are the representatives of His promises. Verse 2 states that they must keep it and Verse 3 states that they must do it. It means the same, but there is a stronger emphasis to keep it. Verse 1 also says to keep it, but it all means the same. Verse 10 states, "And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to

Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build." If you are able to keep the statutes and the commandments, He will give you the land. It is truly amazing. Verse 11 states, "and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full." The Lord tells the Israelites that if they follow the commandments that were presented by Moses, they would be able to receive all of it when they enter the land of Canaan. There is a Word that is always spoken that they must have never forgotten. Verse 14 states, "You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you." "Don't follow after the gods that are around you, you must be able to serve me." Verse 15 states, "for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you." We are people of God. If we serve idols and other gods, God will never let it be. God will allow hardships and difficulties to you to which you have no choice but to return to the Lord. This is because the Lord God is a jealous God and you must be grateful for this. There is a certain energy that leads us to follow after the world. However, if God does not speak His word from time to time, we will be deceived and follow after it. The Lord God said, "You must keep my statutes and commandments, and I will be with you." This is speaking about the statutes and commandments that are the laws of Moses. But it will take a long time for you to study it. The representative for all of this is the sacrificial offering, but in the present time, we don't need to do that. I believe we are able to look at the Ten Commandments and have a better understanding. And what is the first and second commandment?: You shall have no other gods before me; you shall not carve out an image of any other gods. Of course, it is so rightful. Are you going to make an idol and bow down to it? The problem is the idol inside of us. There is always an idol inside of us that tries to seize our hearts. That is why we always emphasize that you confess Christ. And the third commandment says, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." Does that mean that we would curse before God? In other words, it is saying to not take God lightly. What does it mean to take God lightly? If there is something that you have to do, you simply put God aside and try to use your own efforts. It means that you are so busy that you don't go to church. That has been a custom in American churches. You must not do that because, one day, you will regret it. In other words, it is saying that you must not live a life centered on people. You must live a life centered on God. People in the world, including America, are so "me"-centered. The Lord God says, "Do not live "me"-centered. If you do so, you will have no choice but to fail." That is why you must be centered on God. You must never take God lightly. And the fourth commandment is to keep the Sabbath Day. You have to keep the Lord's day. Of course, if there are special occasions on which you cannot keep the Lord's day, we all understand. Even God Himself understands. We all desire to be at

the place of worship before God, but we are not able to do so, and we do not feel great about it. God understands it all. But for other people, they have nothing in their schedule, yet they do not come to the place of worship. You should not do that. The Lord God said that you must not do that. Keep it, and He will bless you. You might not keep the Lord's day, but we all desire to receive God's blessing. However, the Lord God says to first keep His word. If you read the rest of the fifth through tenth commandments, they are preschool level that we can all do. Of course, we should not covet your neighbor's house. Even though this is a preschool-level commandment, there are those that cannot keep these. They are the ones with spiritual problems. That is why you must be able to enjoy Christ. It is the work of Satan that hinders you. The Ten Commandments are not a burden to you. If you are able to keep it, the Lord God said He will bless you. Keeping the Ten Commandments should not be difficult for you. They are quite easy to keep. And the Ten Commandments are the gospel for you to keep. In your past walk of faith, they were emphasized as a burden. Because people lack the spiritual strength to keep it, it was so difficult for them to do so. But it is true that we have grown so much spiritually. Of course, keeping the Lord's Day without spiritual strength, you would have to grit your teeth to do so. That is why God's message is, "You must keep the Ten Commandments, and I will bless you." We are able to understand that the Ten Commandments keep

all the laws of God. Along with that, we no longer live in the Old Testament. We live in the New Testament time, the present time in which Christ finished it all for us, and it is the commandment that we must keep in this age. That is what you must keep. It is to go to the ends of the earth. It is to raise the disciples. It is to partake in the remnant movement. Also, partake in the healing movement. When you simply ask God what to do, that is the start of prayer. You want to partake in this, but you don't know what to do. That is why God says to ask Him. That means the message has hit the person's heart. If the message hits your heart, then rightfully so, you will begin asking the question, "God, what should I do?" That is why you must be able to do your best to enjoy Christ as the covenant inside the gospel. It's very simple. God is surely alive. And He has given you the answer. The Lord God says to keep His word, and if you do so, He will bless you. To that extent, you are not able to do so. That is why He gives you prayer. God doesn't want you to do all of this. God wants your heart to be inside of that. God doesn't want you to do everything. He simply wants you to follow after Him. That is why your heart must be in that. May that blessing be upon you. May your heart truly be inside of that to which that becomes your sincere and earnest prayer.

## 2. Centered on the Word

The second point we'll look at is "Centered on the Word."

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is a representative scripture that we all know well. The Lord God said that, in order for you to keep the word and follow after it, you must be able to mobilize all things to this. He said that if you simply keep the commandment, you will receive the great and good cities that you did not build. He said that the houses full of all the good things that you did not fill will be given to you. That is amazing. And the cistern that you do not dig will be there. He will give it to you. This is the state of those who held onto the covenant and prayed and received answers. The answer to prayer in which you live a free life, if you just simply hold onto the covenant, God answers to you. To build a great and good city, it takes so much time and effort, yet the Lord God says, "I will give it to you that you do not need to build." However, the Lord God says, "If you simply place the word and the covenant inside of your heart and do that, I will give everything else to you." You will live eating with a stomach filled with the cistern that you did not dig and the vineyard and olive trees that you did not plant. That is verses 4 through 9 in which you must stake your life and keep His word. In verse 6, it says, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart." In verse 7, it says, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Verse 8, "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be frontlets between your eyes." To that extent, God wants you to do it. The Lord God said to simply keep this word in your heart. If you simply do this, he will bless you. In verse 9, "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." That is why you must be in the world for 24 hours. The Lord God says that he wants you to be in the word 24 hours, and for the sake of your own actions, you must keep the 10 commandments. For the sake of your walk of faith, you must keep the 10 commandments. The commandment I have given to you in this age, is the four resurrection messages. You must place this within your heart and partake in 237, healing, and summit. Then the Lord God said, he will bless you. How will he bless you? He said that you will gain the great and good cities you did not build. You have not gone to the house yet, but it will be the house full of all the good things you have not seen. The cisterns you have not dug, but yet, others have dug for you, I will give it to you. That is the economy of light. For you to receive answers, it is all free. Those who live in Christ will live a free life. People who say that you must put in the effort, are preaching 50% religion. Apostle Paul put in all of his effort for the sake of God's word, but that was no effort, he was joyous and was able to partake in the movement. Even if there was persecution, he was overjoyed. In the past, it was a duty and a task he needed to fulfill, but it has been overturned into a blessing. The Lord God says he will do the same to us. The Lord God says to keep the commandments he has given us during this age. For the remnants and young adults, your life is within this. Including the adults, until the day that the Lord

calls you up to heaven, everything lies within this. Do you want to receive answers? Do this first. Do not take worship so lightly where you come to church whenever you want and whenever you don't want to. Have the word as the covenant inside of your heart. If you do not have the word as your covenant, may you pray to God for it to be your covenant. You must be able to pray to God, "God you continuously emphasize Christ and world evangelism, but it has not hit my heart." It is not an exaggeration to say that in today's passage, you just simply have to do this. This is the answer to your life. People of God try to live their lives using different methods other than God. That is why God is so frustrated with them. The Lord God said that he will give the great and good cities that you did not build to you, and that is the region. The Lord God says that if you simply keep his commandments and follow after them, he will give you the region to which you will conquer including the great and good cities you did not build. That is the 70 disciples and 70 regions. I do believe that if we are able to testify the accurate gospel to the dying churches of America, that is the answer worth 1,000 years. I do hope you will hold onto the covenant as we observe the 237 mission worship and be in this line. For the sake of this reason, you must receive the economy. The Lord God says that he will give you the vineyard that you did not plant. It would be a renowned blessing that even if you do plant seeds, it grows into a vineyard, but God says he will give them to you even if you did not plant them. That is also the family economy, he said he will freely restore it for you. This is God's promise. What is the condition for that? You must be able to keep it. It is world evangelization, testifying the gospel to the ends of America and Latin America. It is God's promise that if you simply keep this, he will give all things to you. In the perspective of the Israelites, they may think to themselves that it is unreasonable for God to do that. They may think that it is impossible that God puts them to death but is willing to give it freely to his people. For God himself, he has a reason. There is a clear and concise reason to it all. God said that he has fed us and created us, but why do we not believe in him, why do we believe in demons. That is the reason why he punished me. That is more than enough of a reason for God. It is more than enough for God. God said that he will give it all to his people as long as they are able to keep the word. May this blessing and covenant be upon us. This is the economy of light. How must you live your life? You must carefully think about the word that God has given to us today. What is it that God desires? You must be able to do what God desires. You must pray holding onto the covenant and pray so that God will be at work. When you are able to stake your entire life to this, that is what we call all in. When you are able to go all in, God will give you the house full of all the things you have not filled it with. It is the cistern that you have not dug, but others have dug on your behalf. As you continuously spiritually grow, you will be able to receive the great and good cities that you did not build. You will receive not only the cities but the regions as

well as the world. This is the life that you must live, don't you think so? Is there anything more valuable than this? I do not think so. If you live according to this, the Lord God said that he will bless your life. If you are able to receive the vineyard that you did not plant, you received it all. Even the cistern was the most precious thing at the time to have, that is why they received it without digging. Regardless of the situation, God was able to freely give it to you. May the blessing be upon you as we observe the 237 mission worship Sunday that you will truly be able to connect with God's heart regarding mission. At that very moment, may you overturn all the excuses you have made regarding your walk of faith. May you live a true life. I bless you in the name of the Lord that the Lord God will bless us.