

**TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!**  
**A study in Deuteronomy**  
**AMEN Bible Study 2010-2011**

**MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: OBEY THE LORD**  
**Deuteronomy 4:44-5:21**  
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**4:44-49 I. Our obedience is our purpose.**

*"This is the law that Moses set before the people of Israel."* cf. II Cor. 5:15; Rom 3:31; 6:12-14

**:44-45** A. We were brought out of bondage.

*"...to the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt."*

**:46-49** B. We took partial possession.

*"...beyond the Jordan..."*

**5:1-5 II. Our obedience is our love.**

*"And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them..."* cf. John 14:15

**:1** A. Listen – Learn – Do

*"Hear, O Israel...and you shall learn...and be careful to do..."* cf. Mk 4:24, 25; Heb 2:1-3a

**:2,3** B. Enter into covenant.

*"The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. Not with our fathers did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today."* cf. Heb 8:6-12

**:4** C. Stand in awe.

*"The Lord spoke with you face to face out of the midst of the fire..."* cf. Heb 12:28, 29

**:5** D. Trust God's mediator.

*"...while I stood between the Lord and you...."* cf. Heb 3:1-6

**:6-21 III. Our obedience is our freedom.**

*"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."*  
 cf. Exo 19:3-6; II Cor 3:17; Gal 5:1, 13

A. Freedom from idolatry

*"...since the day that God created man on the earth...whether such a great thing as this has ever happened...."*

**:7** 1. No other god - monotheistic

**:8-10** 2. No carved image – aniconic Why not? God is living, verbal, active and incomparable.

**:21** 3. No idol of the heart cf. Eph 5:5; Col 3:15

**:12-15** B. Freedom from exhaustion

*"Observe the Sabbath day..."*

1. Spiritually

*"...a Sabbath to the Lord your God..."*

2. Physically

*"On it you shall not do any work..."*

3. Economically

*"You shall remember that you were a slave...and the Lord your God brought you out..."*

C. Freedom from darkness

**:16, 18** 1. From breakdown of the family *"Honor your father and mother.... And you shall not commit adultery."*

2. From social injustice

**:17** a. murderous tyranny *"You shall not murder."*

**:19** b. economic exploitation *"And you shall not steal."*

**:11, 20** 3. From malicious perjury *"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain..."*  
*"And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."*