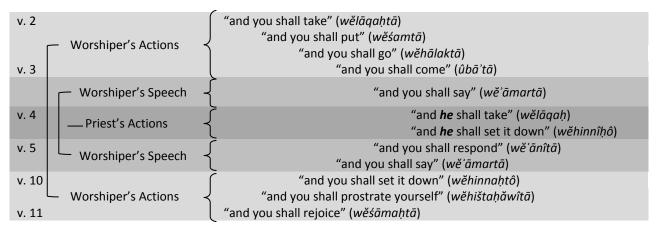
Veritas Class Covenant Righteousness for the Glory of God December 13, 2015 Deuteronomy 26:1–15

I. Celebrating the Goodness of YHWH in the Land (vv. 1-11)

EXPOSITION



- A. The Context: When God has kept his promise to the ancestors (v. 1)
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 - 1. The Worshiper's First Set of Actions (vv. 2–3a)
 - 2. The Worshiper's First Declaration (v. 3b)
 - 3. The Priest's Actions (v. 4)
 - 4. The Worshiper's Second Declaration: The Gospel according to Moses (vv. 5–10a)

Israel's Credo:

a. Note the formal nature of the declaration:

"You shall answer and say before YHWH your God"

'A wandering Aramean was my father.

He went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.

⁶ The Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us, imposing on us hard labor.

⁷ We cried to YHWH, the God of our fathers, and YHWH heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

⁸ YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

- 5. The Worshiper's Second Set of Actions (vv. 10b-11)
- C. Lessons on Worship from Deuteronomy 26:1–11
 - II. Affirming Fidelity to the Covenant (26:12–15)

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A. The Prerequisite to Acceptable Worship (v. 12)

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- B. The Nature of Acceptable Verbal Worship (vv. 13–15)
 - 1. The Worshiper's Affirmation of Fidelity to the Covenant (vv. 13b-14)

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Positive
           Specific
                       I have removed the sacred portion from my house,
Positive
           Specific
                       I have given it away to the Levite. . .
Negative
           General
                      I have not transgressed any of your commandments,
Negative
           General
                      I have not I forgotten them.
Negative
                      I have not eaten of it while I was mourning,
           Specific
                      I have not removed any of it while I was unclean,
Negative
           Specific
                       I have not offered any of it to the dead.
Negative
           Specific
                       I have obeyed the voice of Yahweh my God.
Positive
           General
                       I have done according to all that you have commanded me.
Positive
           General
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2. The Worshiper's Plea for Divine Favor (v. 15)

Conclusions: Lessons on Worship

⁹ He has brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

 $^{^{10}}$ Now look! I am bringing the first of the produce of the ground, which you, O YHWH, have given me.'