

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

v. 2	Worshiper's Actions	"and you shall take" (<i>wěḷāqah̄tā</i>)
		"and you shall put" (<i>wěšamtā</i>)
		"and you shall go" (<i>wěḥālaktā</i>)
v. 3		"and you shall come" (<i>ûbā'tā</i>)
	Worshiper's Speech	"and you shall say" (<i>wě'āmartā</i>)
v. 4		
	— Priest's Actions	"and he shall take" (<i>wěḷāqah̄</i>)
		"and he shall set it down" (<i>wěḥinnîḥô</i>)
v. 5	Worshiper's Speech	"and you shall respond" (<i>wě'ānîṭā</i>)
		"and you shall say" (<i>wě'āmartā</i>)
v. 10	Worshiper's Actions	"and you shall set it down" (<i>wěḥinnaḥtô</i>)
		"and you shall prostrate yourself" (<i>wěḥištah̄ăwîṭā</i>)
v. 11		"and you shall rejoice" (<i>wěšāmaḥtā</i>)

A. The Context: When God has kept his promise to the ancestors (v. 1)

B. The Ritual Phases

- 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.*

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.'*

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)

Introduction: Links to Verses 1–11

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

Links to Deuteronomy 14:22–29

B. The Nature of Acceptable Verbal Worship (vv. 13–15)

1. The Worshiper's Affirmation of Fidelity to the Covenant (vv. 13b–14)

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	Specific	I have not eaten of it while I was mourning,
Negative	Specific	I have not removed any of it while I was unclean,
Negative	Specific	I have not offered any of it to the dead.
Positive	General	I have obeyed the voice of Yahweh my God.
Positive	General	I have done according to all that you have commanded me.

2. The Worshiper's Plea for Divine Favor (v. 15)

Conclusions: Lessons on Worship