

**Veritas Class**  
**Covenant Righteousness for the Glory of God**  
**January 17, 2016**  
**Deuteronomy 26:15–19**

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

**II. Affirming Fidelity to the Covenant (26:12–15)**

- A. The Prerequisite to Acceptable Worship (v. 12)
- B. The Nature of Acceptable Verbal Worship (vv. 13–15)
  - 1. The Worshiper's Affirmation of Fidelity to the Covenant (vv. 13b–14)
  - 2. The Worshiper's Plea for Divine Favor (v. 15)**

**Conclusions: Lessons on Worship**

- 1. Devotion to God is demonstrated, not by lip service but by concrete acts of obedience to the revealed will of God.
- 2. God's people are distinguished by the care they take of those who are marginalized.
- 3. Although for believers all of life is sacred, in a particular sense the boundaries between the sacred and the profane must be scrupulously observed.
- 4. This liturgy recognizes a proper balance between the individual and the community.
- 5. This liturgy recognizes the symbiotic relationship between faith and obedience.
- 1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain:*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

- 2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.
4. But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.
5. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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### III. The Privilege of Mission (26:16–19)

<sup>16</sup> This very day YHWH your God commands you to observe these ordinances and judgments; so observe them diligently with all your heart and with all your being.

<sup>17</sup> Today you have obtained the YHWH's commitment to be your God—and [you have promised] to walk in his ways, to keep his ordinances, his commands, and his judgments, and to listen to his voice.

<sup>18</sup> Today YHWH has obtained your commitment to be his people, to be his treasured people, as he promised you, and to keep his commandments—<sup>19</sup> and to set you high above all nations that he has made, for praise and for fame and for honor—and [you have promised] to be a people holy belonging to YHWH your God, just as he promised.

- A. The Climactic Location of 26:16–19
- B. The Structure of 26:16–19
  1. The Opening Charge (v. 16)
  2. The Covenantal Significance (vv. 17–19)
    - a. The Divine Commitment (v. 17)
    - b. The People's Commitment (vv. 18–19)
- C. The Meaning of 26:16–19
- D. The Significance of 26:16–19 for Biblical Theology

