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Deuteronomy 30:11

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- James 1:25 - “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”
- Why is God’s word called the “perfect law of liberty”?
 - a) It is perfect in the sense of being complete
 - b) It makes adherents spiritually perfect and complete
 - c) It is perfectly designed for human understanding and needs
 - d) All of the above

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- God's word is designed to be understood by human beings
 - Eph. 3:2-4 - "If indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ"
 - Matt. 11:25 - "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes."

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- God's word is designed to be practiced by human beings
 - 1John 5:3 - "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."
 - Matt. 11:29-30 - "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
- Even though the commands of God changed with each dispensation, these same characteristics of God's will for man have remained unchanged from the beginning

God's Word Is Not Too Difficult To Understand

- Deut. 30:9-20
- God's word has always:
 - Been accessible by human beings who want it
 - Acts 8:26-28 - “Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.”

God's Word Is Not Too Difficult To Understand

- God's word has always:
 - Resulted in reward for human beings who obey it
 - Rom. 2:7-9 - "Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness-- indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek"
 - Given the choice to obey or rebel to human beings
 - Mark 16:16 - "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

God's Word Is Not Too Difficult To Obey

- Deut. 12:10-23, 29-32
- God's word has always:
 - Made clear what God specifically requires of human beings
 - 2Peter 3:1-2 - "Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior"

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- God's word has always:
 - Made allowances for the limitations of human existence
 - 2Cor. 8:12 - "For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have."
 - Made clear the distinction between specific commands and Divinely granted liberty in matters of individual conscience
 - Acts 15:28-29 - "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well."

God's Word Is Not The Source Of Problems Between His Children

- Ez. 34:15-22
- God's word has always:
 - Identified God as the final Judge in all matters, especially spiritual
 - Luke 13:12-17
 - Commanded His children to live together harmoniously
 - Rom. 14:1-4

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- Today, God's word comes through Jesus
 - Heb. 1:1-2 - "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds"
- He has revealed the will of God in such a way that is not too mysterious for you to understand or too difficult for you to obey
 - John 15:22 - "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin."