

The background is a rich, detailed landscape painting. In the foreground, a dirt path leads through a field of wildflowers, including white lilies, red poppies, and purple lavender. To the left of the path, there is a still life arrangement featuring a glass pitcher filled with white milk, a large honeycomb, a bunch of purple and green grapes, and several apples, including one cut in half. The middle ground shows a wide river flowing through a lush green valley. On the banks of the river, there are various animals, including a herd of cattle and some smaller creatures. The background consists of rolling hills and mountains under a bright, hazy sky with a sunburst effect. The overall scene conveys a sense of natural abundance and tranquility.

2026

The Legacy of the Land: Living Large for the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:1-3 (NIV 1984)

Questions

1. Looking back at 2025, in which areas did you struggle most to "observe the commands" of God?
2. Verse 2 mentions "your children and their children" (This includes spiritual children). What specific spiritual legacy are you currently leaving for those who follow you?
3. What does "increasing greatly" look like for you in a spiritual sense (rather than a material sense) in 2026?
4. Use a resource like *Matthew Henry's Commentary* to look up the significance of "Milk and Honey." How does this change your view of God's provision?

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¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

3 Steps to Possess The Land

1. The Precepts We Must Prize (6:1)
2. The Piety We Must Practise (6:2)
3. The Promises We Must Possess (6:3)

Precepts We Prize (6:1)

1. Authoritative Instruction

- ❑ Commands: direct charges, orders from God (Exo. 20)
- ❑ Decrees: general but fixed regulations (Jer. 5:22; Job 14:5)
- ❑ Laws: legal judgments on specific cases, clear right or wrong (Isa. 58:2; Mal 2:17)
- ❑ Commands, Decrees, Laws= Total will of God that is to be obeyed

Precepts We Prize (6:1)

2. Active Implementation

- ❑ We Study the Word and we Observe, i.e. Obey
- ❑ We are Preachers AND Practitioners
- ❑ What we Study we practise on the Streets
- ❑ Faith without deeds is useless (James 2:20)

Piety We Practise (6:2)

1. Reverent Respect

- ❑ 2 words to describe fear of God: Acknowledgement & Awareness
- ❑ Acknowledgement of God's holiness, power, authority, majesty and sovereignty
- ❑ Awareness of His presence so we honour & please Him

Piety We Practise (6:2)

2. Relentless Retention

- ❑ Piety must be passed down as a heritage
- ❑ Deuteronomy 6:7-9: means Intensive Impartation, Incorporation and Integration of God's law/love/Word
- ❑ It's about being Intentional in disciple making
- ❑ So keep the flame of faith burning!

Promises We Possess (6:3)

God's 'Milk & Honey' Promises of Obedience

- ❑ Prolonging of life: “enjoy long life...” (6:2)
- ❑ Productivity of life: “increase greatly...” (6:3)
- ❑ Pleasing (good) life: “go well with you...” (6:3)

Promises We Possess (6:3)

1. Divine Delight

- ❑ “well” (*yatab*): glad, joyful, right
- ❑ Not an absence of trouble or pain, but having the presence of God
- ❑ Recall Hebrews 12:2 about Jesus, Who endured the cross (though painful) with joy

Promises We Possess (6:3)

2. Dynamic Development

- ❑ “...that you may increase greatly.”
- ❑ God is a God of increase
- ❑ His people are people of dynamic growth & fruitfulness
- ❑ “...like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season...” (Psalm 1:3)
- ❑ Aim for a great increase to love and serve God!

Application L-A-N-D

Listen to His Word daily. Develop a study plan.

Act on what you hear. “Hear and Obey”

Nurture others. Disciple someone in 2026.

Depend on God's promises. Think “milk & honey”.



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