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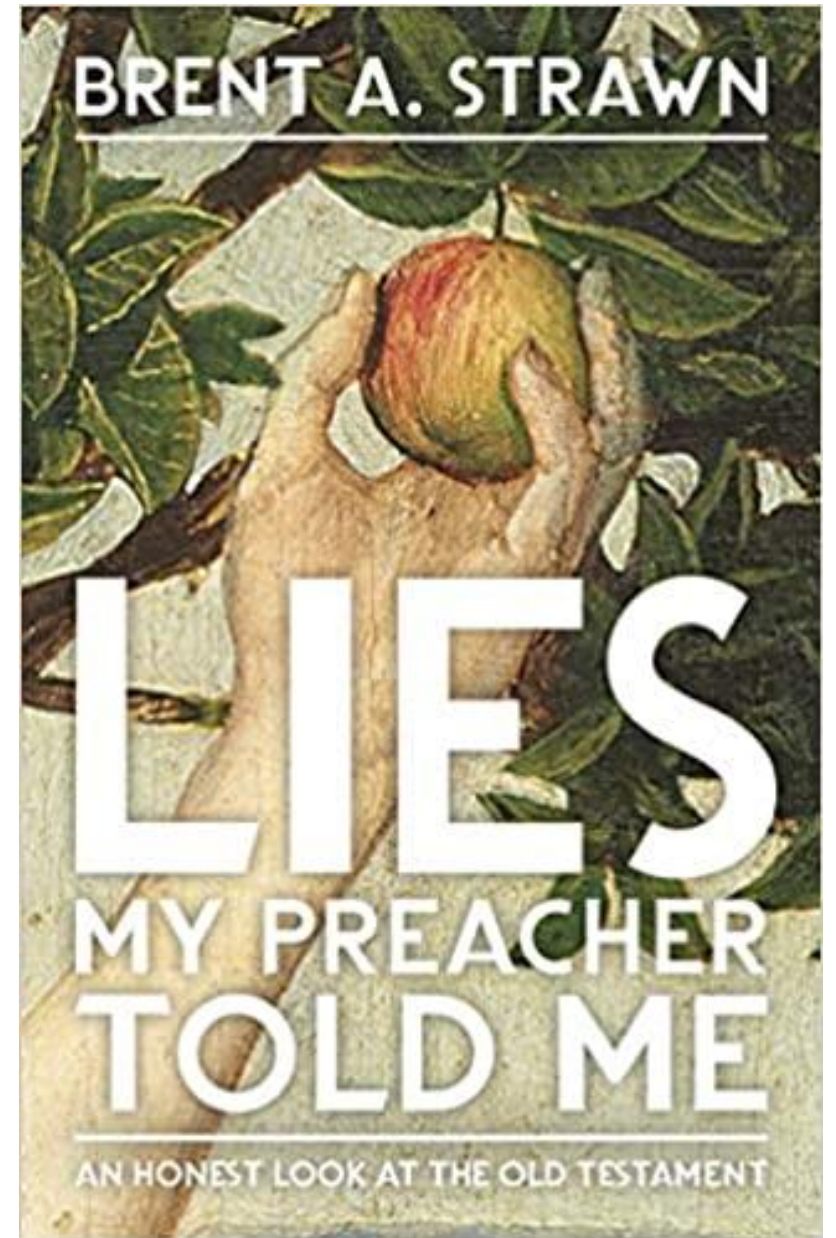


***Misconceptions about the Old Testament  
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# *Misconceptions about the Old Testament*

## Unspoken mistruths

- obsolete
- too wrath-filled
- lacks spiritual relevance
- **absence of grace**

*These ancient books possess  
indispensable ideas to shape our  
contemporary lives.*



*“I thought Jesus came because we couldn’t  
keep the Law.”*

*“I think Jesus came because we didn’t  
keep the law.”*

















GRACE

# Old Testament Laws

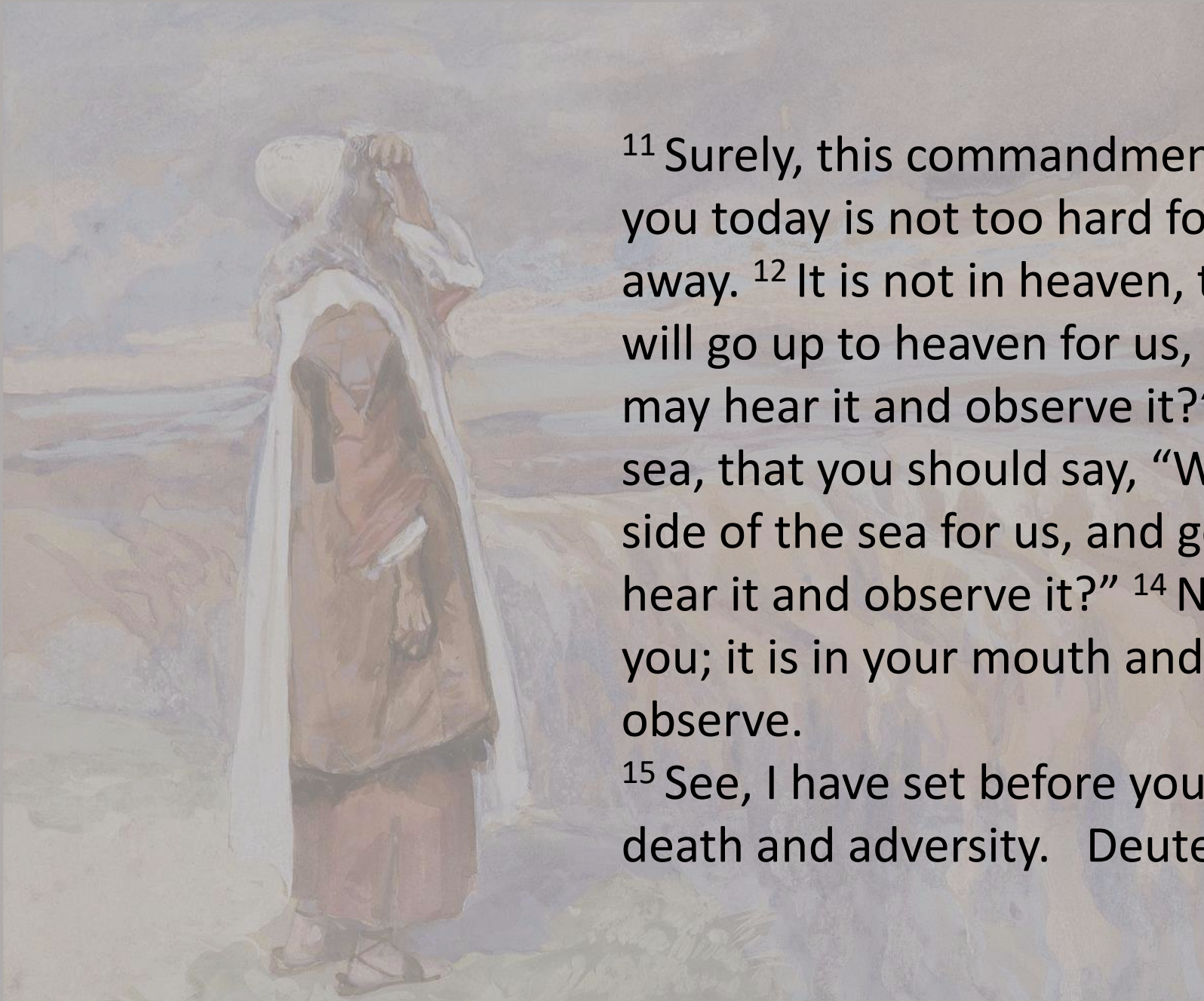






“If the Law is a burden, it is a burden the Law itself helps to carry.”





<sup>11</sup> Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. Deuteronomy 30:11-15







