

“Worth Knowing”
Deuteronomy 4: 32 - 40
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“Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” (1 Corinthians 10: 11)

- God Has Revealed Himself With Such Certainty That His Sovereignty Is Unmistakable & Knowable, (vs. 32 – 40)
 - We Know God Is Sovereign Because The Present Speaks Unmistakably About His Discipline, (vs. 35 – 38)
 2. God has shown us His sovereignty so that we will understand that there is only one Teacher, (vs. 36); *“... to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been **called**, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, **BEARING** with one another in love, **EAGER** to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were **called** to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:1-6)*
 - ✚ Because God is the only one, there is no one else who can offer real instruction, (vs. 36a); *“**SEE** that you do not **refuse** him who is **SPEAKING**. For if they did not **escape** when they **REFUSED** him who **WARNED** them on earth, much less will we escape if we **REJECT** him who warns from heaven.” (Hebrews 12:25)*
 - ✚ Because God is the only teacher, there are no other lessons that should be considered, (vs. 36b); *“**And have you FORGOTTEN** the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not **REGARD** lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be **WEARY** when **REPROVED** by him. For the Lord **disciplines** the one he loves, and **chastises** every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to **endure**. God is **treating** you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not **discipline**? If you **are** left without discipline, in which all have **PARTICIPATED**, then you **are** illegitimate children and not sons.” (Hebrews 12:5-8)*
 - ✚ Because God is the only teacher, there are no other example that should be followed, (vs. 36c); *“**Then what if you were to see** the Son of Man **ASCENDING** to where he **was** before? It is the Spirit who gives **LIFE**; the flesh is no **help** at all. The words that I have **SPOKEN** to you **are** spirit and life. But there **are** some of you who do not **believe**.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not **BELIEVE**, and who it **was** who would **BETRAY** him.) And he said, “This is why I **TOLD** you that no one **can** come to me unless it is **GRANTED** him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter **answered** him, “Lord, to whom shall we **go**? You have the words of eternal life, and we have **BELIEVED**, and have come to **KNOW**, that you **are** the Holy One of God.” (John 6:62-69)*
 - ✚ Because God is the only teacher, there are no other admonitions that should be accepted, (vs. 36d)
 3. God has shown us His sovereignty so that we will understand that there is only One who loves, (vs. 37)
 - ✚ Out of God’s sovereignty He chose to love our “forefathers,” (vs. 37a)
 - ✚ Out of God’s sovereignty He has chosen to love their offspring, (vs. 37b)
 - ✚ Out of God’s sovereignty He chooses to display His love personally, (vs. 37c)
 4. God has shown us His sovereignty so that we will understand that there is only one Provider, (vs. 38)
 - ✚ God’s sovereign love provides tangible protection in real life attacks, (vs. 38a)
 - ✚ God’s sovereign love provides tangible provision in real life promises, (vs. 38b)
- We Know God Is Sovereign Because The Future Speaks Unmistakably About His Dominion, (vs. 39 – 40)