## "Worth Knowing" Deuteronomy 4: 32 - 40 January 2, 2010

"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)
    - 3. 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); "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe." (Proverbs 18:10)
        - 1. By God's great power we are placed into a position to receive God's loving protection, (vs. 37d); "You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day." (Deuteronomy 5:15)

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you," (1 Peter 5:6)

- 2. By God's great power we are placed into a kingdom that is greater than any other, (vs. 38a.1); "When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water." (Psalm 114)
- 3. By God's great power we are placed into a battle field with the opposing army, (vs. 38a.2); "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:10-12)

"I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me," (John 14:30)

- ♣ God's sovereign love provides tangible provision in real life promises, (vs. 38b)
  - 1. God's promises are real, (vs. 38b.1); "I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you." (Exodus 23:27-28)
  - 2. God's promises are valuable, (vs. 38b.2); "Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her." (Proverbs 3:13–15)
  - 3. God's promises are ordained, (vs. 38b.3); ""Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' " (Isaiah 46:8-10)

We Know God Is Sovereign Because The Future Speaks Unmistakably About His Dominion, (vs. 39-40)