"Those Who Love Me" Deuteronomy 4: 44 - 49 February 6, 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's Command For Covenantal Obedience Is Based In His Sovereign Relationship With His People, (vs. 44 49)
 - 1. God's sovereignty is best understood by those who obey His unchangeable word, (vs. 44 45)
 - 2. God's sovereignty is best demonstrated by those who trust in His unchallenged power, (vs. 46); "They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?
 - > Guard against losing sight of God's purpose; What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?
 - > Guard against shrinking back from the fight; Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'?
 - > Guard against substituting the temporal for the eternal: For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."
 - > Guard against missing out on God's divine deliverance; And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."
 - > Guard against failing to do your part; The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.
 - > Guard against unduly claiming hindrances; And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them,
 - > Guard against forsaking the glory of God; and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." (Exodus 14:11-18)
 - 3. God's sovereignty is best experienced by those who are blessed by His unparalleled provision, (vs. 47 49)