

**"By The Word Of God"**

**Deuteronomy 5: 1 - 33**

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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's Command For Covenantal Obedience Is Based In His Revealed Nature, (vs. 1 – 33)

- God has revealed Himself to His covenant people, (vs. 1 – 5)
  1. Because God has chosen to reveal Himself to us, we must be careful to honor that revelation, (vs. 1); *"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)*
    - Honoring God's revelation requires corporate submission to the Word of God, (vs. 1a); *"Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. You are standing today all of you before the LORD your God: the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water, so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of the LORD your God, which the LORD your God is making with you today, that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, but with whoever is standing here with us today before the LORD our God, and with whoever is not here with us today." (Deuteronomy 29:9-15)*
    - Honoring God's revelation requires treasuring God's mandates as wise & good, (vs. 1b); *"Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. " (Proverbs 4:4-8)*
    - Honoring God's revelation requires putting into practice what you say you believe, (vs. 1c); *"Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so practice and observe whatever they tell you – but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others..." (Matthew 23:1-5)*
  2. Because God has chosen to restore our relationship with Him, we must be careful to honor His mercy, (vs. 2 - 3)
  3. Because God has chosen to relate to us intimately, we must be careful to honor His intimacy, (vs. 4)
  4. Because God has chosen to demonstrate tangibly His holiness, we must be careful to honor that holiness, (vs. 5)
- God's covenant people are to take on & demonstrate His revealed nature, (vs. 6 – 21)
- God's revealed nature will utterly consume His covenant people, (vs. 22 – 33)