

"Bar-None"
Deuteronomy 4: 19 - 20
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God Has Revealed Himself So That It Would Be Clear That There Is None Equal; Bar-None, (vs. 35)

- Bar-None; There Is No Favor That Can Adequately Match God's Possessive Goodness, (vs. 20)
 - God's possession requires "purification by fire," (vs. 20a)
 1. **Impurity exists:** *"If they SIN against you – for there is no one who does not SIN*
 2. **Judgment exists:** *– and you are ANGRY with them and GIVE them to an ENEMY, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the ENEMY, far off or near, - (swallow death-wipe tears) Is 25:8, (death where sting) Hosea 13: 14, (not die / resurrect) Luke 20: 36, (abolished death / light of gospel) 2 Tim 1: 10, (destroy one w/ power) Heb 2: 14, Rev 20: 14 & 21: 4*
 3. **Repentance exists:** *yet if they TURN their heart in the land to which they have been carried CAPTIVE, and REPENT and PLEAD with you in the land of their CAPTORS, saying, 'We have SINNED and have acted PERVERSELY and WICKEDLY,' if they REPENT with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their ENEMIES, who carried them CAPTIVE - (Father gives / not cast out) John 6: 37, (God's will / lose nothing) 39& (Father draws) 44-45, (Father given out of world) John 17: 2-11*
 4. **Confession exists:** *and PRAY to you toward their land, which you GAVE to their fathers, the city that you have CHOSEN, and the house that I have BUILT for your name, - (confess their / fathers – uncircumcised heart humbled) Lev 26: 40-42,(repent / heart & mind in captivity) 2 Chron 6: 37-38, (confess / I & fathers house) Nehemiah 1: 6 & (separate/ confess) 9: 2*
 5. **Forgiveness exists:** *then HEAR in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and MAINTAIN their cause and FORGIVE your people who have SINNED against you, and all their transgressions that they have COMMITTED against you, - (faithful & just to forgive & cleanse) 1 John 1: 8-9*
 6. **Restoration exists:** *and GRANT them compassion in the sight of those who carried them CAPTIVE, that they may have COMPASSION on them ; (children / heirs) Rom 8: 16-17, (enemies / reconciled) Rom 5: 9-10, (give the kingdom) Luk 12: 32, (heirs of Christ / Abraham by promise) Gal 3: 29*
 7. **Purity exists:** *(for they are your people, and your heritage, which you brought OUT of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace). Let your eyes be OPEN to the plea of your servant and to the plea of your people Israel, giving ear to them whenever they call to you." (1 Kings 8:46-52) - (chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, people / possession) 1 Pet 2: 9*
 - God's possession is a highly valued people in relationship with Him, (vs. 20b)
 - **God is sovereign:** *"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the INHABITANTS of the world stand in awe of him!
✚ "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein," (Psalm 24:1); Ps.50: 12, Ps. 89: 11, Ex. 9: 29, Ex. 19: 5, Jb. 41: 11, 1Cor. 10: 26*
 - **God is creator:** *For he SPOKE, and it came to BE; he COMMANDED, and it STOOD firm.
✚ "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host." (Psalm 33:6)
✚ "And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." (Matthew 8:3)
✚ "When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."" (John 11:43)*
 - **God is ordainer:** *The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to NOTHING; he FRUSTRATES the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord STANDS forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.
✚ "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." (Proverbs 19:21)
✚ "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 46:10)*
 - **God is possessor:** *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has CHOSEN as his heritage!" (Psalm 33:8-12)
✚ "Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs."" (Deuteronomy 33:29)*
 - God places a high premium on the purity of His possessions, (vs. 21)
 - **Since purity must be modeled. God places a high premium on the purity of leaders. (vs. 21a):** *"They angered him at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill with Moses on their account, for they made his spirit bitter, and he spoke rashly with his lips." (Psalm 106:32-33)*
 - **Since purity is the ultimate expression of faith. God places a high premium on belief. (vs. 21b):** *"And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them."" (Numbers 20:12)*

- Bar-None; There Is No Rival That Can Adequately Stand Against God's Sovereign Decree, (vs. 21 - 24)
 - God will not allow rebellion to go unpunished, (vs. 22)
 - God will not permit any substitutes to be offered, (vs. 23)
 - God will not tolerate any rivals to His nature, (vs. 24)