

"That You May Live"
Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 14
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God Has Told Us What Is Necessary To Live In Abundance, (vs. 1 - 14)

- God Says, Believing My Word Is Dependent On Who I Am & Not What You Experience, (vs. 12); "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24)
 - God speaks out of the purity of His nature not the necessity of our morality, (vs. 12a); *"And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:1-3)*
 - When God speaks He does so to reveal His nature, (vs. 12a.1); *" When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless," (Genesis 17:1)*
 - *"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:44-48)*
 - When God speaks He opens our ears to this revelation, (vs. 12a.2); *"This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us. Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt," (Acts 7:38-39)*
 - *"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might UNDERSTAND the things freely GIVEN us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, INTERPRETING spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."* (1 Corinthians 2:12-14)
 - *"Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you." (Philippians 3:15)*
 - God speaks to affect the change of hearts not substantiate His existence, (vs. 12b); *"In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them." (Acts 14:16-18)*
 - God is not dependant on physical form to prove His existence, (vs. 12b.1); *"To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move. Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;" (Isaiah 40:18-22)*
 - God's sovereign power is manifest in His voice not in His hand, (vs. 12b.2); *"And though the Lord GIVE you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your TEACHER will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes SHALL SEE your TEACHER. And your ears shall HEAR a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, WALK in it," when you turn to the RIGHT or when you turn to the LEFT. Then you will DEFILE your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will SCATTER them as unclean things. You will SAY to them, "Be GONE!" (Isaiah 30:20-22)*

- God Says, Communicating My Word Is Straight Forward & Understandable, (vs. 13)
- God Says, Following My Word Has To Be Part Of Who You Are, (vs. 14)