

**“Worth Knowing”**  
**Deuteronomy 4: 32 - 40**  
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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 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)
    1. God has shown us His sovereignty so that we will understand that there is only one God, (vs. 35); *“Then David said to the Philistine, “You **COME** to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I **COME** to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have **DEFIED**. This day the LORD will **DELIVER** you into my hand, and I will **STRIKE** you down and **CUT** off your head. And I will **GIVE** the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may **KNOW** that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may **KNOW** that the LORD **SAVES** not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’s, and he will **GIVE** you into our hand.” ” (1 Samuel 17:45-47)*
      - ✦ We understand only because God revealed it to us, (vs. 35a); *“We **KNOW** that we **are** from God, and the whole world **lies** in the power of the evil one. And we **KNOW** that the Son of God has **come** and has **GIVEN** us understanding, so that we may **know** him who is true; and we **are** in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He **is** the true God and eternal life. Little children, **KEEP** yourselves from idols. ” (1 John 5:19-21)*
      - ✦ We understand fully who God is because He shows us His nature, (vs. 35b); *“Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous **FARE** as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the **JUDGE** of all the earth **DO** what is just?” ” (Genesis 18:25)*
      - ✦ We understand that there simply is no one else, (vs. 35c); *“Which commandment **IS** the most important of all?” Jesus answered, *“The most important **IS**, ‘**HEAR**, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord **IS** one. And you shall **LOVE** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall **LOVE** your neighbor as yourself.’ There **IS** no other commandment greater than these.” And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly **SAID** that he **IS** one, and there **IS** no other besides him. And to **love** him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to **love** one’s neighbor as oneself, **IS** much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus **SAW** that he **ANSWERED** wisely, he said to him, “You **ARE** not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one **DARED** to ask him any more questions. ” (Mark 12:28-34)**
    2. God has shown us His sovereignty so that we will understand that there is only one Teacher, (vs. 36); *“... to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been **called**, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, **BEARING** with one another in love, **EAGER** to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were **called** to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:1-6)*
      - ✦ Because God is the only one, there is no one else who can offer real instruction, (vs. 36a); *“**SEE** that you do not **refuse** him who is **SPEAKING**. For if they did not **escape** when they **REFUSED** him who **WARNED** them on earth, much less will we **escape** if we **REJECT** him who warns from heaven. ” (Hebrews 12:25)*
      - ✦ Because God is the only teacher, there are no other lessons that should be considered, (vs. 36b); *“And have you **FORGOTTEN** the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not **REGARD** lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be **WEARY** when **REPROVED** by him. For the Lord **disciplines** the one he **loves**, and **chastises** every son whom he **receives**.” It is for discipline that you have to **endure**. God is **treating** you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not **discipline**? If you **are** left without discipline, in which all have **PARTICIPATED**, then you **are** illegitimate children and not sons. ” (Hebrews 12:5-8)*
      - ✦ Because God is the only teacher, there are no other example that should be followed, (vs. 36c); *“Then what if you were to **see** the Son of Man **ASCENDING** to where he **was** before? It is the Spirit who gives **LIFE**; the flesh is no **help** at all. The words that I have **SPOKEN** to you **are** spirit and life. But there **are** some of you who do not **believe**.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not **BELIEVE**, and who it **was** who would **BETRAY** him.) And he said, “This is why I **TOLD** you that no one **can** come to me unless it is **GRANTED** him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter **answered** him, “Lord, to whom shall we **go**? You have the words of eternal life, and we have **BELIEVED**, and have come to **KNOW**, that you **are** the Holy One of God.” (John 6:62-69)*
      - ✦ Because God is the only teacher, there are no other admonitions that should be accepted, (vs. 36d)
    3. God has shown us His sovereignty so that we will understand that there is only One who loves, (vs. 37)
      - ✦ Out of God’s sovereignty He chose to love our “forefathers,” (vs. 37a)
      - ✦ Out of God’s sovereignty He has chosen to love their offspring, (vs. 37b)
      - ✦ Out of God’s sovereignty He chooses to display His love personally, (vs. 37c)

4. 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)
  - ✚ God's sovereign love provides tangible provision in real life promises, (vs. 38b)
- We Know God Is Sovereign Because The Future Speaks Unmistakably About His Dominion, (vs. 39 - 40)