

“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)
 - 3. God has shown us His sovereignty so that we will understand that there is only One who loves, (vs. 37); *“It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ” (Deuteronomy 7:7-9)*
 - ✚ Out of God’s sovereignty He chose to love our “forefathers,” (vs. 37a); *“They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ” (Romans 9:4-8)*
 - ✚ Out of God’s sovereignty He has chosen to love their offspring, (vs. 37b); *“O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, ” (Psalm 105:6-10)*

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have CALLED you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. ” (John 15:12-17)
 - ✚ Out of God’s sovereignty He chooses to display His love personally, (vs. 37c); *“I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has GRANTED us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has GRANTED them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he BECAME their SAVIOR. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence SAVED them; in his love and in his pity he REDEEMED them; he LIFTED them up and CARRIED them all the days of old.” (Isaiah 63:7-9)*

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)