

“Those Who Love Me”
Deuteronomy 4: 44 - 49
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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 Sovereign Relationship With His People, (vs. 44 – 49)
 1. God’s sovereignty is best understood by those who obey His unchangeable word, (vs. 44 – 45); *“When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it*
 - Guard against forgetting God’s sovereignty; *and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose.*
 - Guard against forgetting God’s holiness; *One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.*
 - Guard against forgetting God’s sovereign power; *Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’*
 - Guard against forgetting God’s standard of conduct; *And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away,*
 - Guard against forgetting God’s required humbleness; *nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.*
 - Guard against forgetting God’s revealed word; *“And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel. ” (Deuteronomy 17:14–20)*
 2. God’s sovereignty is best demonstrated by those who trust in His unchallenged power, (vs. 46); *“They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?”*
 - Guard against losing sight of God’s purpose; *What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?*
 - Guard against shrinking back from the fight; *Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’?*
 - Guard against substituting the temporal for the eternal; *For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”*
 - Guard against missing out on God’s divine deliverance; *And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”*
 - Guard against failing to do your part; *The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.*
 - Guard against unduly claiming hindrances; *And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them,*
 - Guard against forsaking the glory of God; *and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” ” (Exodus 14:11–18)*
 3. God’s sovereignty is best experienced by those who are blessed by His unparalleled provision, (vs. 47 – 49)