

"Bar-None; Judgment & Repentance"

Deuteronomy 4: 25 - 31

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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)

- Bar-None; There Is None Other Who Will Bring Conviction Leading To Genuine Repentance, (vs. 29 – 31)

- God's conviction falls when you least expect it & when you are not looking for it, (vs. 29)

1. God's conviction confronts your rebellion right where you are & shatters the self-centered mold, (vs. 29a); *"and RETURN to the LORD your God, you and your children, and OBEY his voice in all that I COMMAND you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the LORD your God will RESTORE your fortunes and HAVE compassion on you, and he will GATHER you AGAIN from all the peoples where the LORD your God HAS scattered you."* (Deuteronomy 30:2-3)

"The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers," (Deuteronomy 30:9)

2. God's conviction drives you to a material knowledge of who God is & who you are not, (vs. 29b); *"What is man, that he can be PURE? Or he who is BORN of a woman, that he can be RIGHTEOUS? Behold, God puts no TRUST in his holy ones, and the heavens are not PURE in his sight; how much less one who is ABOMINABLE and CORRUPT, a man who DRINKS injustice like water!"* (Job 15:14-16)

"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." (Romans 7:18)

3. God's conviction irrevocably changes your motives & attitudes, (vs. 29c); *"Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with UNVEILED face, BEHOLDING the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."* (2 Corinthians 3:15-18)

- God's conviction opens your eyes to the reality of your circumstances, (vs. 30)

1. God's conviction reveals that tribulation has come for God's ordained purpose & not by chance, (vs. 30a)
2. God's conviction reveals that you are in fact powerless to change anything about your circumstances, (vs. 30b)
3. God's conviction reveals that any hope of salvation is only found in complete submission to God, (vs. 30c)

- God's conviction draws those who hear into genuine, life giving repentance, (vs. 31)

1. Genuine repentance accepts that God saves because of His mercy alone & because of nothing else, (vs. 31a)
2. Genuine repentance accepts the promise of God that He has not & will not abandon you, (vs. 31b)
3. Genuine repentance accepts the reality that God has not destroyed you although He could, (vs. 31c)
4. Genuine repentance accepts the absolute truth that God's offer of salvation is for His glory; not ours, (vs. 31d)