

## “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 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); *“If they SIN against you—for there is no one who does not SIN—and you are ANGRY with them and GIVE them to an ENEMY, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near, yet if they TURN their heart in the land to which they have been carried CAPTIVE, and REPENT and PLEAD with you in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have SINNED and have acted PERVERSELY and WICKEDLY,’ if they REPENT with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their captivity to which they were carried captive, and PRAY toward their land, which you GAVE to their fathers, the city that you have CHOSEN and the house that I have BUILT for your name, then HEAR from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and MAINTAIN their cause and FORGIVE your people who have SINNED against you.” (2 Chronicles 6:36–39)*

*“If we say we HAVE no sin, we DECEIVE ourselves, and the truth IS not in us. If we confess our sins, he IS faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not SINNED, we MAKE him a liar, and his word IS not in us.” (1 John 1:8–10)*

2. God’s conviction reveals that you are in fact powerless to change anything about your circumstances, (vs. 30b); *“Then my anger will be KINDLED against them in that day, and I will FORSAKE them and HIDE my face from them, and they will BE devoured. And many evils and troubles WILL COME upon them, so that they will SAY in that day, ‘HAVE not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’ And I will surely HIDE my face in that day because of all the evil that they have DONE, because they have TURNED to other gods.” (Deuteronomy 31:17–18)*

3. God’s conviction reveals that any hope of salvation is only found in complete submission to God, (vs. 30c); *“REPENT therefore, and TURN again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ APPOINTED for you, Jesus, whom heaven MUST receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God SPOKE by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses SAID, ‘The Lord God will RAISE up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall LISTEN to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall BE that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be DESTROYED from the people.’” (Acts 3:19–23)*

- 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)