

"By The Word Of God"

Deuteronomy 5: 1 - 33

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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 Revealed Nature, (vs. 1 - 33)

- God has revealed Himself to His covenant people, (vs. 1 - 5)
 - 3. Because God has chosen to relate to us intimately, we must be careful to honor His voice, (vs. 4)
 - a. Out of God's intimacy with His people, He speaks to them with intentionally, (vs. 4a); **"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."** (Psalm 19:7-11)
 - **"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."** (Romans 15:4)
 - b. Out of God's intimacy with His people, He addresses them with openness & honesty, (vs. 4b); **"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained. Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things."** (Philippians 3:12-19)
 - c. Out of God's intimacy with His people, He governs them with sovereignty, (vs. 4c); **"Set forth your case, says the LORD; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified."** (Isaiah 41:21-23)
 - **"And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."** (2 Peter 1:19-21)
 - d. Out of God's intimacy with His people, He matures them with holiness & purity, (vs. 4d); **"He also told them a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.'** (Luke 6:39-42)
 - **"Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."** (2 Timothy 2:21)

1. Because God has chosen to demonstrate tangibly His holiness, we must be careful to honor that holiness, (vs. 5)

- God's covenant people are to take on & demonstrate His revealed nature, (vs. 6 – 21)
- God's revealed nature will utterly consume His covenant people, (vs. 22 – 33)