

"Bar-None"
Deuteronomy 4: 23 - 24
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God Has Revealed Himself So That It Would Be Clear That There Is None Equal; Bar-None, (vs. 35)

- Bar-None; There Is No Rival That Can Adequately Stand Against God's Sovereign Decree, (vs. 21 - 24)
 - God will not permit any substitutes to be offered, (vs. 23)
 - God's sovereign grace is based solely upon a covenant relationship with Him, (vs. 23a); *"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children –"* (Deuteronomy 4:9)
 - ✚ *"Not everyone who SAYS to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who DOES the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART from me, you WORKERS of lawlessness.'" (Matthew 7:21-23)*
 - ✚ *"To me they CRY, "My God, we—Israel—KNOW you." Israel has SPURNED the good; the enemy shall PURSUE him. They MADE KINGS, but not through me. They SET UP PRINCES, but I KNEW it not. With their silver and gold they MADE idols for their own destruction." (Hosea 8:2-4)*
 - ✚ *"For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified." (Romans 2:13)*
 - God's relationship with His people does not allow for any other affections, (vs. 23b); *"Be very careful, therefore, to love the Lord your God." (Joshua 23:11)*
 - ✚ *"You shall not MAKE for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not BOW down to them or SERVE them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, VISITING the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who HATE me, but SHOWING steadfast love to thousands of those who LOVE me and KEEP my commandments." (Exodus 20:4-6)*
 - ✚ *"TAKE CARE, and be on your GUARD against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the ABUNDANCE of his possessions."*

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods LAID up for many years; RELAX, EAT, DRINK, be MERRY.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who LAYS up treasure for himself and is not RICH toward God." (Luke 12:15-21)
 - God will not tolerate any rivals to His nature, (vs. 24); *"The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies." (Nahum 1:2)*
 - ✚ *"SEE that you do not refuse him who is SPEAKING. For if they did not escape when they REFUSED him who WARNED them on earth, much less will we escape if we REJECT him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has PROMISED, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are SHAKEN – that is, things that have been MADE – in order that the things that cannot be SHAKEN may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for RECEIVING a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a CONSUMING fire." (Hebrews 12:25-29)*