

"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 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; although I have tried to make it about something I do, (vs. 31a); *"When God SAW what they did, how they TURNED from their evil way, God RELENTED of the disaster that he had SAID he would DO to them, and he did not do it. But it DISPLEASED Jonah exceedingly, and he WAS angry. And he PRAYED to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I MADE haste to flee to Tarshish; for I KNEW that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and RELENTING from disaster. " (Jonah 4:2)*
2. Genuine repentance accepts the promise of God that He has not & will not abandon you; although you have abandoned Him, (vs. 31b); *"For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. " (Romans 2:28-29)*

Who is a God like you, PARDONING iniquity and PASSING over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not RETAIN his anger forever, because he DELIGHTS in steadfast love. He WILL AGAIN have compassion on us; he will TREAD our iniquities underfoot. You will CAST all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will SHOW faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have SWORN to our fathers from the days of old. " (Micah 7:18-20)

3. Genuine repentance accepts the reality that God has not allowed you to decay although He could, (vs. 31c); *"he FORESAW and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not ABANDONED to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God RAISED up, and of that we all ARE witnesses. Being therefore EXALTED at the right hand of God, and having RECEIVED from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has POURED out this that you yourselves are SEEING and HEARING. " (Acts 2:31-33)*
4. Genuine repentance accepts the absolute truth that God's offer of salvation is for His glory; not ours, (vs. 31d); *"For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. " (Romans 4:13-14)*

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. " (Ephesians 2:8-10)