

“Worth Knowing”
Deuteronomy 4: 32 - 40
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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 Has Revealed Himself With Such Certainty That His Sovereignty Is Unmistakable & Knowable, (vs. 32 – 40)
 - We Know God Is Sovereign Because The Past Speaks Unmistakably About His Deliverance, (vs. 32 – 34); *“For INQUIRE, please, of bygone ages, and CONSIDER what the fathers have searched out. For we are but of yesterday and KNOW nothing, for our days on earth are a shadow. Will they not TEACH you and TELL you and UTTER words out of their understanding?”*
Can papyrus GROW where there is no marsh? Can reeds FLOURISH where there is no water? While yet in flower and not CUT down, they WITHER before any other plant.
Such are the paths of all who FORGET God; the hope of the godless shall PERISH. His confidence is SEVERED, and his trust is a spider’s web.” (Job 8:8–14)
 - Human history speaks to the sovereign deliverance of God, (vs. 32); *“O God, we have HEARD with our ears, our fathers have TOLD us, what deeds you PERFORMED in their days, in the days of old: you with your own hand DROVE out the nations, but them you PLANTED; you afflicted the peoples, but them you SET free; for not by their own sword did they WIN the land, nor did their own arm SAVE them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you DELIGHTED in them.” (Psalm 44:1–3)*
 - Our past experience speaks to the sovereign deliverance of God, (vs. 33 - 34)
 - ✦ We have experienced God’s direct revelation of Himself, (vs. 33); *“Then Gideon PERCEIVED that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon SAID, “Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.” But the LORD SAID to him, “Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not DIE.” Then Gideon BUILT an altar there to the LORD and CALLED it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.*
That night the LORD SAID to him, “TAKE your father’s bull, and the second bull seven years old, and PULL down the altar of Baal that your father has, and CUT down the Asherah that is beside it and BUILD an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then TAKE the second bull and OFFER it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall CUT down.” So Gideon TOOK ten men of his servants and DID as the LORD had TOLD him. But because he was too AFRAID of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he DID it by night. ” (Judges 6:22–27)
 - ✦ We have experienced God’s direct intervention in everyday life, (vs. 34); *“You shall SPEAK all that I COMMAND you, and your brother Aaron shall TELL Pharaoh to LET the people of Israel go out of his land. But I will HARDEN Pharaoh’s heart, and though I MULTIPLY my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh will not LISTEN to you. Then I will LAY my hand on Egypt and BRING my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. The Egyptians shall KNOW that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.” Moses and Aaron DID so; they DID just as the LORD COMMANDED them. Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. ” (Exodus 7:2–7)*
 - We Know God Is Sovereign Because The Present Speaks Unmistakably About His Discipline, (vs. 35 – 38)
 - We Know God Is Sovereign Because The Future Speaks Unmistakably About His Dominion, (vs. 39 – 40)