

"Bar-None"  
Deuteronomy 4: 19 - 20  
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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 Image That Can Adequately Represent God's Divine Likeness, (vs. 15 - 19)
  - Take care to remember that human perception of "higher" things is deceptive, (vs. 19)
    - "Looking up" is not the same as "Looking up," (LXX, "Looking Up / Seeing," (Aor.Act.Part)), (vs. 19a)
      - ✚ *"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." (Genesis 2:1)*
      - ✚ *"If then you have been **raised** with Christ, **SEEK** the things that are above, where Christ is, **SEATED** at the right hand of God. **SET YOUR MINDS on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**" (Colossians 3:1-3)*
      - ✚ (LXX, ("Lead Astray," (Aor.Pas.Part) / "Worship & Serve," (Aor.Act.Subj))
        - ❖ *"And they abandoned all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal." (2 Kings 17:16)*
        - ❖ *"For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them." (2 Kings 21:3)*
        - ❖ *"The houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah— all the houses on whose roofs offerings have been offered to all the host of heaven, and drink offerings have been poured out to other gods— shall be defiled like the place of Topheth.' "" (Jeremiah 19:13)*
        - ❖ *"And they shall be spread before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven, which they have loved and served, which they have gone after, and which they have sought and worshiped. And they shall not be gathered or buried. They shall be as dung on the surface of the ground." (Jeremiah 8:2)*
    - All things, including the heavens, were created for God's good pleasure, (vs. 19b); *"to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;" (Psalm 136:7-9) - 1 Peter 3: 7, "Showing honor"*
      - ✚ *"Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did **GOOD** by **GIVING** you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, **SATISFYING** your hearts with food and gladness." Even with these **WORDS** they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them." (Acts 14:17-18)*
        - ❖ *" bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal... burned them outside..."(2 Kings 23.4)*
        - ❖ *And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings... to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens." (2 Kings 23:5)*
        - ❖ *"And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun... And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire." (2 Kings 23:11)*
        - ❖ *"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." (Romans 8:13)*
        - ❖ *"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you..." (Colossians 3:5)*
- Bar-None; There Is No Favor That Can Adequately Match God's Possessive Goodness, (vs. 20)
  - God's possession requires "trial by fire," (vs. 20a)
  - God's possession is a highly valued people, (vs. 20b)
- Bar-None; There Is No Rival That Can Adequately Stand Against God's Sovereign Decree, (vs. 21 - 24)
  - God will not accept any challenge to His sovereignty, (vs. 21)
  - God will not allow rebellion to go unpunished, (vs. 22)
  - God will not permit any substitutes to be offered, (vs. 23)
  - God will not tolerate any rivals to His nature, (vs. 24)