



ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

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Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Show your wisdom + understanding to the nations.

Verse 1: Moses had looked over the promised land, but was not going to go in. He recounted the history of the 40 years in the wilderness for the people. Now he was given them his last sermons before they went without him. Why was it important for them to remember God was giving them this land?

He wanted them to live and take possession of it. How were God's commands important to this?

Verse 2: What is dangerous about **adding** to God's Word?

What is dangerous about **subtracting** from God's Word?

What are some examples of times we or others have tried to add or subtract from God's Word?

Verse 6: These were perfect commands and decrees. When even imperfect people followed them others would recognize their wisdom. What confidence does this give us as we consider God's commands and decrees for us and live them?

Explain the seriousness and privilege of this saying, "You may be the only Bible a person reads."

Verse 7: "What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him?" There is only one God – the LORD! How is our God, the only true God, superior to all the other "gods" this world has thought up?

God is near to us. What is a promise of God that reminds you of that?

How did God ultimately prove that he is near to us?

Verse 8: "And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?" God's Word is his gift to us. His laws and commands, even though they show us our sin and shortcomings, are beautiful and the best way to live. What is a commandment that shines brightly in your mind in today's world that we need to hear and remember more and more?

Jesus fulfilled all these commandments for us perfectly. He died on the cross to pay for our sin and failures. His love for us makes us want to live for God and follow his commands.

Verse 9: "do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live." What are some things you can do each day to help you keep all God has done for you before your eyes and in your heart?

"Teach them to your children and to their children after them." What are ways you will try to do this (with God's blessing) so that the next generation knows their Savior Jesus and all God has done for them?