



**Remember!**

**Deuteronomy  
4:32-40**

## Sermon Recap – The WOW Factor (Deut 4:1-8)

- Hear the Word of God and Remember who God is
  - Remember: To act according to what we know of God
- Be faithful to the Word of God
- Wowed by the Word of God
  - Presence of God among His people
  - Righteous laws



# Remember

- About 237 references in the NIV
- Most common usage in the first 5 books:
  - Remember God's covenant
  - Remember God's works
  - Remember God's commandments



# Remember

v10 – Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, “Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.”



# Remember

- v9 – ‘be careful’, ‘watch yourselves’, ‘do not forget’, ‘slip from your heart’, ‘teach them’.
- v15 – ‘watch yourselves very carefully’
- v23 – ‘be careful not to forget’
- v32 – ‘Ask now about the former days’
- v39 – ‘Acknowledge and take to heart’



# Remember

- To remember God is to act/live according to what we know of God and what He desires of us.
- The purpose of remembering is to obey. Because not remembering, or forgetfulness, opens the door to disobedience and failure. So to not remember, and consequently to not obey, derails us from experiencing God's perfect plan for us.



# Remember

You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the Lord, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. [Num 15:39]



32a Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created man on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other.



32b Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of?

**NO!**

33 Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived?

**NO!**

34 Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by miraculous signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

**NO!**



# A God Who is Great and Awesome

35 You were shown these things so that you might know that the Lord is God; besides him there is no other.

With such a great and awesome God, shouldn't it be easier for the Israelites to remember and obey?



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- The Ten Plagues (Ex 5:14-11:10)
- Pillar of cloud by day, pillar of fire by night (Ex 13:21-22)
- Israelites: Did you bring us to the desert to die? Egypt not enough graves? (Ex 14:11)
- Crossing of the Red Sea (Ex 14)
- Israelites: Why no water to drink? (Ex 15:24)
- God turns bitter water into sweet water at Elim (Ex 15:22-25)
- Israelites: Do you want to starve us? (Ex 16:3)
- Provided manna and quail (Ex 16)

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- Israelites: Do you want us to die of thirst? (Ex 17:3)
- Provided water from the rock (Ex 17:4-7)
- God defeats the Amalekites (Ex 17:8-16)
- Israelites hear the voice of God speaking out of fire at Mt Sinai (Ex 19:16-19)
- God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning. (Ex 20:20)



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- Israelites: Can we make ourselves some gods? (Ex 32:1)
- Israelites: Made and sacrificed to golden calf (Ex 32)
- Explore the land which I am giving you (Num 13:1)
- Israelites: Do you want us to be killed by the Canaanites? (Num 14:1-4)
- Israelites rebel and are punished with 40 years in the wilderness. (Num 14)



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With such a great and awesome God, shouldn't it be easier for me to remember and obey?



36 From heaven he made you hear his voice to discipline you. On earth he showed you his great fire, and you heard his words from out of the fire. 37 Because he loved your forefathers and chose their descendants after them, he brought you out of Egypt by his Presence and his great strength, 38 to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you into their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is today.



# A God Who Loves and Disciplines Us

- Discipline – To chasten, discipline, instruct, admonish
- Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.” [Ex 20:20]
- The Lord disciplines those he loves as a father the son he delights in. [Prov 3:12]





39 Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. 40 Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time.



# A God Who Demands Our Obedience

- Acknowledge that the Lord is God alone, there is no other
- Keep His decrees and commands
- Jn 14:23 – If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.



# The Spiritual Discipline of Remembering

- How has God shown His Greatness, Faithfulness and Awesomeness in mine or others' lives?
- How has God shown His Love and Discipline (and mercy) towards me?
- In what areas of my life is God demanding Obedience from me?

