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1. What is the doctrine of election?
2. What makes the doctrine of election difficult to accept?
 - a. An unwillingness to accept our true condition apart from Christ.
 - b. An unwillingness to let go of deeply held entitlements.
 - i. We feel entitled to equal treatment (fairness).
 - ii. We feel entitled to a *personally* satisfying explanation.
3. On what basis does God choose?
 - a. According to His foreknowledge.
 - b. According to His good purposes.
4. How should the doctrine of election shape our responses to God?
 - a. We should be humbled before Him.
 - b. We should delight to praise Him.
 - c. We should be moved to proclaim Him.

*The Letter to
God's Elect*



I Peter





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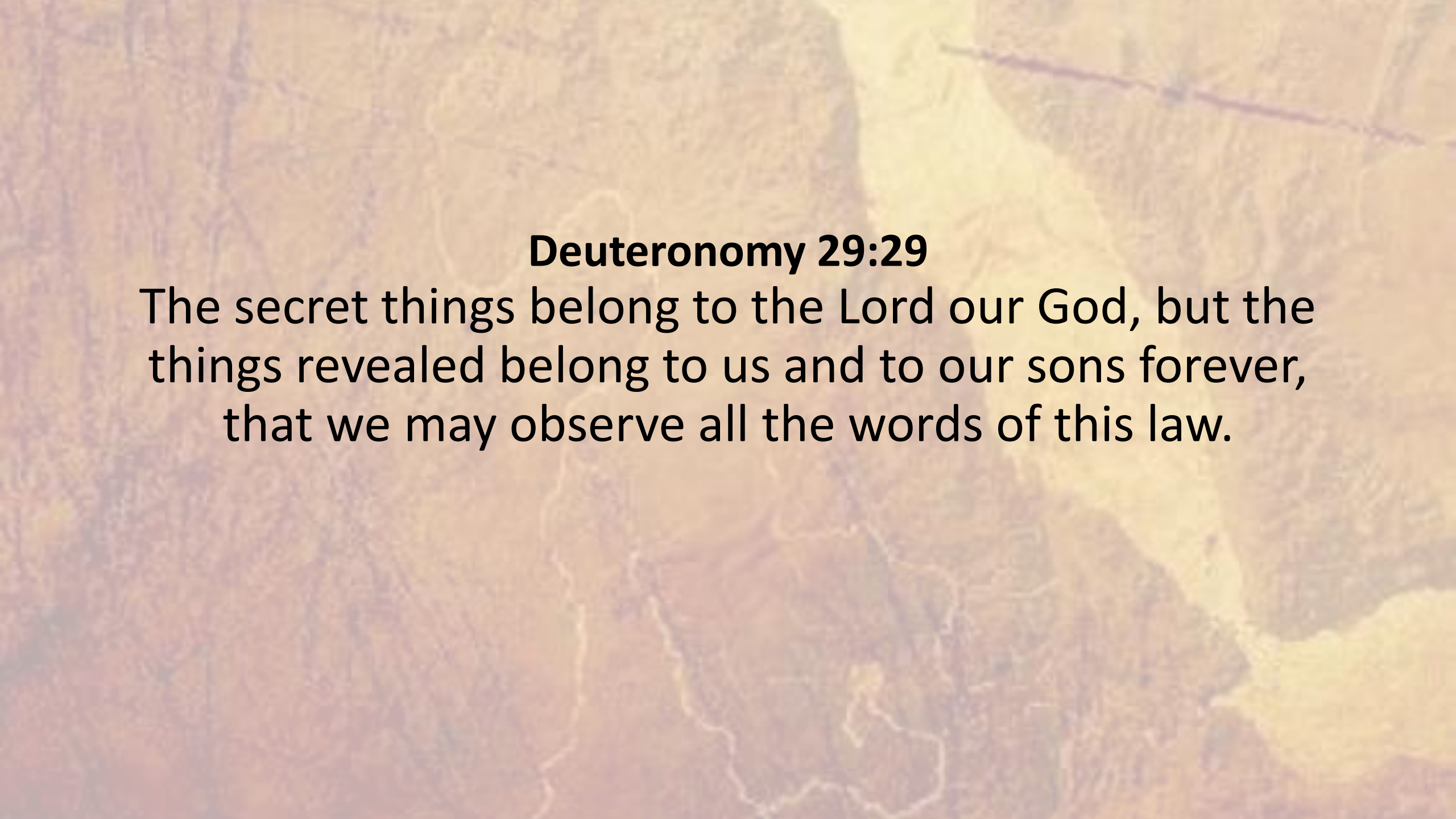
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Preliminary Thoughts

*This is a difficult subject for our minds
and for our hearts.*

We must commit ourselves to biblical charity.

*We must work to restrain our curiosity
while rejecting avoidance.*



Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

What is election?

It is revealed truth.

Mark 13:20

Unless the Lord had shortened those days,
no life would have been saved; but for the sake of **the elect**
whom He **chose** (*elected*), He shortened the days.

John 13:18

I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have **chosen** (*elected*)...

John 15:16

You did not **choose** (*elect*) Me, but I **chose** (*elected*) you,
and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit,
and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask
of the Father in My name, He may give to you.

John 15:19

If you were of the world, the world would love its own;
but because you are not of the world, but I **chose** (*elected*) you out of
the world, therefore the world hates you.

1 Corinthians 1:27-28

But God has **chosen** (*elected*) the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has **chosen** (*elected*) the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, God has **chosen** (*elected*), the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, that no man should boast before God.

Ephesians 1:3-4

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Matthew 22:14

For many are called, but few are **chosen** (*elect*).

Matthew 24:22

Unless those days had been cut short,
no life would have been saved;
but for the sake of **the elect** those days shall be cut short.

Luke 18:7

Now shall not God bring about justice **for His elect**, who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

Romans 8:29-33

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things. Who will bring a charge against **God's elect**? God is the one who justifies.

Colossians 3:12

So, as those who have been **chosen** (*elect*) of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, knowing, brethren beloved by God, His **choice** (*election*) of you;

2 Timothy 2:10

For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are **chosen** (*the elect*), so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

Titus 1:1

Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ,
for the faith of those **chosen** (*the elect*) of God and the knowledge
of the truth which is according to godliness...

Revelation 17:14

These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will
overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings,
and those who are with Him are the called
and **chosen** (*elect*) and faithful.

*“I need not multiply where
I cannot exhaust.”*

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and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me
and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
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I must bring them also and they will hear My voice;
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John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

**What makes God's election
difficult to accept?**

**An unwillingness to accept our
true condition apart from grace.**

Our Condition?

That we were dead in our sins, hostile to God, and deserving of God's wrath.

Ephesians 2:1

And **you were dead** in your trespasses and sins.

Colossians 2:13

And **when you were dead** in your transgressions
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
He made you alive together with Him,
having forgiven us all our transgressions...

Romans 8:6-8

For the mind set on the flesh is death...because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is **not even able to do so**; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Ephesians 2:3

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature children of wrath**, even as the rest.

Our Condition?

That we can contribute **nothing** for our salvation but are dependent entirely upon God's grace.

Romans 11:4-6

But what is the divine response to [Elijah]?
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But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

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deeply held entitlements.**

Our Entitlements?

We feel entitled to equal treatment
(fairness).

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satisfying explanation.

How should we respond?

With profound humility and gratitude.

With praise in our hearts towards God.

With boldness and confidence.