

Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal



No Greater
Thing Then;
No Better
Thing Now

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

An Opening Admonition

Deuteronomy 4:39

Lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God
in heaven above and on the earth beneath;
there is no other.



Deuteronomy 4:32-40

³² For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. ³³ Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? ³⁴ Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?



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³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. ³⁶ Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷ And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, ³⁸ driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, ³⁹ know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

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Big Idea

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for His people then looked
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would do for His people now.

Underlying Supposition

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and with all the
prophets,

He explained to them the **things concerning Himself**
in all the Scriptures.

Hebrews 10:1

For the Law...**has only a shadow** of the good things
to come and not the very form of things.



The Greater Things Then

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which were before you, since the day
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Time!
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The Greatest Yet!

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What were these greater things then?

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A Great Revelation!

Deuteronomy 4:32-33

“ask...whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live?

What was Moses referring to?

Exodus 19:18-19

Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.

What was Moses referring to?

Exodus 20:18-19

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses,

“You speak to us, and we will listen; do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”

God chose to reveal
Himself by His words.



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The smoke and fire were
meant as validating signs
and aids for instruction.



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from slavery to a greater nation.



A Great Redemption!

Deuteronomy 4:34

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and take a nation for himself from
the midst of another nation, by trials,
by signs, by wonders, and by war,
by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
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Exodus 6:5-6

“Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant.

Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.’”

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God redeemed His people
out from under the heavy hand
of a much greater nation.

He did it by mighty works in
order to help the people
know that He alone is God.



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Exodus 6:7

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and you shall know that I am the LORD your God,
who has brought you out from under the burdens
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Himself to His people.

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The Lord powerfully drove out their
enemies.

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A Great Expulsion!

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Deuteronomy 11:23

Then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations **greater and mightier** than you.

Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is a dwelling place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms;
And He drove out the enemy from before you,
And said, “Destroy!”

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The Lord prepared for them a dwelling place.

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In a land of grain and new wine;
His heavens also drop down dew.

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**So Israel dwells in security,
In a land of grain and new wine;**

The fountain of Jacob secluded,

His heavens also drop down dew.

Their place, their provision,
and their perseverance, were all
dependent upon the Lord.

He alone is God, and He was
to be their God alone!

A photograph of a volcanic eruption at night. A massive column of bright red and orange fire and smoke rises from a dark, rocky vent. The fire is intense at the base, with visible flames and lava. The smoke is thick and billowing upwards, illuminated by the fire's glow. The surrounding area is dark, suggesting it is nighttime or the volcano is in a remote location.

Deuteronomy 4:40

⁴⁰ Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.



Their conclusion in light of it all!

⁴⁰ **Therefore** you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.

Big Idea Revisited

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A photograph of a simple wooden cross made from two rough-hewn logs. It stands on a rocky, light-colored hillside. The sky is filled with soft, greyish-blue clouds. The cross is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its shadow cast across the hillside.

The Better Things Now

Hebrews 8:6

But now He [Christ] has obtained
a more excellent ministry,
by as much as He is also the mediator of
a better covenant, which has been
enacted on better promises.

A photograph of a simple wooden cross standing upright in a field. The cross is made of dark wood and has a rough, textured appearance. It is set against a backdrop of a cloudy, overcast sky. The ground around the base of the cross is dry and brown.

A Better Messenger

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A Better Covenant

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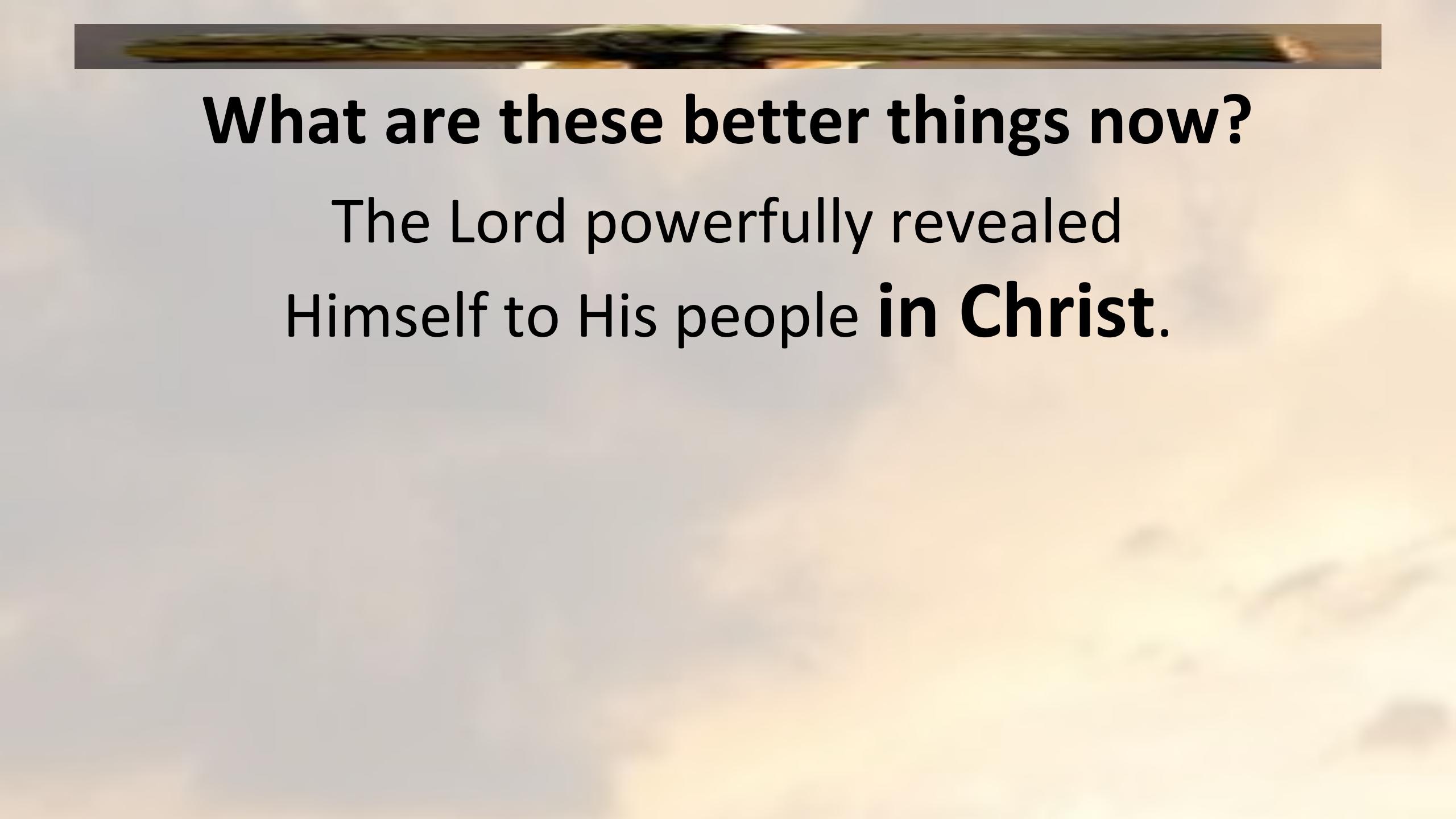
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Better Promises

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The Old Revelation

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A Better Revelation!

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,
glory as of the only begotten from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John 1:18

No man has seen God at any time;
the only begotten God,
who is in the bosom of the Father,
He [Christ] has explained Him.

God chose to reveal Himself to Israel
by His words.

“...he let you hear his voice...you heard his
words.”

But now God has revealed
Himself to us in His **Word**,
Jesus Christ!

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers
in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
in these last days has spoken to us in His Son...

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Just as the Lord validated
His words then with signs and
wonders, so too He validated
His Word, His Son, with signs
and wonders!

Acts 2:22

Men of Israel, listen to these words:
Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God
with miracles and wonders and signs which
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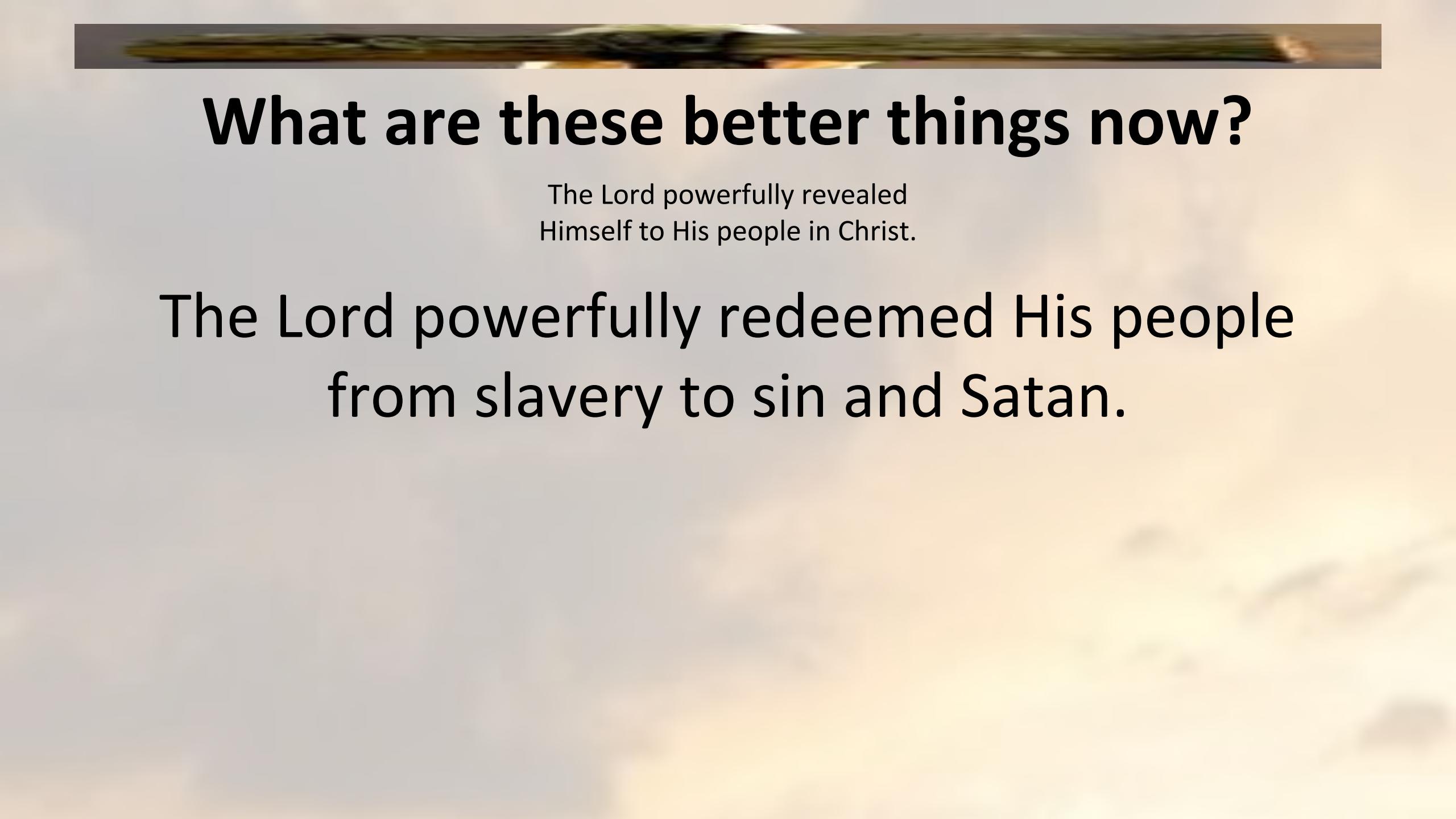
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The Old Redemption

Deuteronomy 26:8

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with
a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
and with great terror and with signs
and wonders.



A Better Redemption!

Titus 2:13-14

Christ Jesus...gave Himself for us,
**that He might redeem us from every lawless
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Christ Jesus...gave Himself for us,
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for His own possession.**

Though God set His people
free from Egypt, they were still
enslaved to their sins.

But now, in Christ, we have been
set free from captivity to both
Satan and our sin!

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Colossians 1:13-14

For **He delivered us** from the domain of darkness,
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



What are these better things now?

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Himself to His people in Christ.

The Lord powerfully redeemed His people
from slavery to sin and Satan.

**The Lord powerfully drove out the evil
forces of darkness.**

A photograph of a volcano erupting at night or in low light. A massive, bright red and orange column of lava and ash rises from the crater, illuminated from within. The surrounding area is dark, with some smoke visible in the background.

The Old Expulsion!

Deuteronomy 4:35

...Driving out before you nations greater
and mightier than you...



A Better Expulsion!

Mark 1:39

And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and **driving out the demons.**

Matthew 12:28-29

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God,
then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house
and carry off his property, unless he first binds
the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

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**Christ has bound the strongman,
and He is plundering his house!**

What are these better things now?

The Lord powerfully revealed
Himself to His people in Christ.

The Lord powerfully redeemed His people
from slavery to sin and Satan.

The Lord powerfully drove out the evil forces of darkness.

**The Lord is preparing for His redeemed
an eternal dwelling place.**

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The Old Dwelling Place

Deuteronomy 26:9

...and He has brought us to this place,
and has given us **this land**,
a land flowing with milk and honey.



A Better Dwelling Place!

Hebrews 11:16

But as it is, they desire a better country,
that is a heavenly one. Therefore God
is not ashamed to be called their God;
for He has prepared a city for them.



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The Better Dwelling Place!

John 14:2-3

“In My Father's house are many dwelling places;
if it were not so, I would have told you;
for I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you to Myself;
that where I am, there you may be also.

Isaiah 65:17

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

2 Peter 3:13

But according to His promise we are looking
for new heavens and a new earth,
in which righteousness dwells.

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Remember the conclusion?

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with you and with your children after
you, and that you may prolong your days
in the land that the LORD your God
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This is our conclusion too!

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

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**Are you looking for that
blessed hope?**