

## JANUARY 29, 2023 – Authoritative and Sufficient

**Main Verses:** Deuteronomy 12:29-32

**Key Verses:** Deuteronomy 12:32

**'TAKEAWAY':** God's Word is authoritative and sufficient for every part of our lives; our responsibility is to submit to Him and obey Him.

**Getting Started:** Have you ever tried to cook something? What happens if you don't add all the ingredients? What happens if you add different ones?

**Read:** Deuteronomy 12:29-32

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- How does God's Word help His people to follow Him? (see also Deuteronomy 7:2)
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- What does it mean to be "not ensnared to follow them"? Who are "them"? (v 30)
- How can we learn God's Word and follow His instructions?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- The Israelites were headed to the land God promised them. They would encounter other people who worshiped gods other than the true God. God gave them directions for how to respond to those people and remain faithful to Him.
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- God wanted His people to know and obey His word so they would know how to live before Him.
- It is through the amazing mercy and great grace of God that we have access to His Word and Him.
- God's word has everything we need to live for him, so we shouldn't add to it. We also shouldn't take out of His word things we find hard or strange. His word is perfect!

Elementary:

- The Israelites were headed to the land God promised them. They would encounter other people who worshiped gods other than the true God. God gave them directions for how to respond to those people and remain faithful to Him.
- God's word is authoritative – it applies to each one of us and we have a responsibility to respond rightly to it. God's word is also sufficient – God provides everything we need to live rightly before Him.
- It is through the amazing mercy and great grace of God that we have access to His Word and Him.
- God's word has everything we need to live for him, so we shouldn't add to it. We also shouldn't take out of His word things we find hard or strange. His word is perfect!

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

**(Toddler/PreK)** Talk to God, thanking Him for His word. Thank Him that His Word had everything we need to live rightly before Him. Ask Him to help you learn His Word and obey it more each day.

**(Elementary)** Talk to God, thanking Him for His Word. Thank Him that we have access to His Word through our Bibles and through the teaching we hear from our parents and at church. Thank Him for His Word being authoritative and sufficient, that it provides everything we need to live for Him. Ask Him to open your eyes and heart to learn His Word and obey it every day.