

**Moses' Final Appeal for Covenant Faithfulness**  
**Veritas Class**  
**College Church**  
**January 22, 2017**

- A. Remembering the Past Experience of Covenant Grace (29:2–9)
- B. A Ritual Response to Covenant Grace (29:10–13)
- C. Despising Covenant Grace (28:14–28)
  - 1. The Personal Consequences of Individual Infidelity (vv. 14–21)
  - 2. The Geographic Consequences of Corporate Infidelity (vv. 22–28)
    - a. The Observation of the Descendants (vv. 22—23)
      - (1) The Observers (v. 22a)
      - (2) The Comment (v. 22b)
      - (3) The Response (v. 23)
        - (a) The Facts
        - (b) The Analogy
    - b. The Question of Outsider Observers (v. 24)
    - c. The Outsider's Explanation (vv. 25–28)
      - (1) The Human Causation (vv. 25–26)
      - (2) The Divine Causation (vv. 27–28)
        - (a) YHWH's fury is the immediate cause of Israel's fate.
        - (b) YHWH's fury is expressed in concrete actions.
          - He imposed on the land every curse written “in this document”
          - He uprooted the population from their land
          - He tossed the population away onto a different land ( וַיִּשְׁלַחם )

## **D. The Mystery of the Ways of YHWH (v. 29)**

### **1. The Key Words: “hidden things”; “revealed things”**

But what are the “hidden things”?

- a. The actions humans commit (Targum; Matt 10:23–27)
- b. Wisdom (Job 28:20–21)
- c. The Mystery of God’s past dealing with Israel (Exod 33:11–17)
- d. The Mystery of divine providence involving Israel’s future (30:1–10)

### **2. Theological and Spiritual Lessons from Deuteronomy 29**

- a. Covenant relationship with YHWH is to be understood as an incredible privilege.
- b. Divine intervention in the human constitution is required to make people responsive to the grace that he offers.
- c. Individuals who trample underfoot the grace of God may not seek cover under the national umbrella as they pursue their rebellious ways.
- d. Infidelity to YHWH and his covenant has tragic missiological consequences.
- e. Sometimes outsiders are more sensitive to divine truth than those who claim to be the people of God.