

“He Who Goes Before You”
Material Requirements Of God’s Covenantal Love
Deuteronomy 9: 1 - 29
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God’s Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Faithfulness To God’s Gospel Purposes, (vs. 1 – 29)

- **God’s Divine Purpose Is To Make His Word Known To The World Through The Voice Of His People, (vs. 6 – 12)**

1. God’s People Are Not By Nature Righteous But Are Dependent Upon God To Move On Their Behalf, (vs. 6)

6.1) God Is Not Obligated To Give You Anything “Not Giving You “Inheritance” Because Of Righteousness”-

¹⁾ “Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.” ²⁾ But they refused to pay attention and turned a **stubborn** shoulder and **stopped** their ears that they might not hear. ³⁾ They **made** their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. ⁴⁾ Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. “As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,” says the LORD of hosts, “⁵⁾ and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate.”” (Zechariah 7:9–14, ESV)

6.2) What You Deserve Is Judgment

“You Are A Stubborn People”-

“Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, “ ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?’ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.” (Acts 7:45–51, ESV)

1) “Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. 2) Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 3) What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?” (Romans 5:18–6:2, ESV)

- 1) Just as our disobedience is an inheritance, so our justification is an inheritance.
- 2) We are guilty under the Law because that is what the Law was given for; to drive us to grace.
- 3) Once grace takes hold, there is no going back to sin.

How have you presented yourself as worthy of God’s blessings?

2. God's People Have Continued To Rebel Before Their God Even As God Intervenes In Miraculous Ways, (vs. 7)
3. God's Wrath Burns Against Even His People Who Have Rebelled Before His Face, (vs. 8)
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- **God's Divine Purpose Is To Demonstrate His Mercy To The Rebellious As Illustrated In His People, (vs. 13 - 29)**