

**“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 Judge The Wicked In Righteousness By The Agency Of His People, (vs. 1 – 5)**

**1. God’s Command Is For His People To Go Into The Hostile World & Confront It With The Gospel, (vs. 1)**

**1.1) God’s Call Is For Us To Engage Immediately In The Battle**

**“You Are To Cross (Act.Part) Over”-**

*“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” (John 17:20–23, ESV)*

**1.2) God’s Comfort Is That He Is Mightier Than All**

**“Dispossess Nations – Greater & Mightier”-**

*“Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”” (Matthew 16:16–19, ESV)*

**1.3) God’s Commission Is To Advance His Kingdom In Real Time**

**“Cities Great & Fortified (Pas.Part)**

**To Heaven”-** *“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”” (Matthew 4:8–10, ESV)*

*1) “To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 2) Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. 3) After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 4) And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 5) Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.” (Luke 9: 59 –10: 3, ESV)*

- 1) Those who seek family inheritance cannot go into the front lines of the Kingdom.
- 2) Those who focus on temporal concerns cannot go into the front lines of the Kingdom.
- 3) Those who accept their Gospel commission will go into the front lines of the Kingdom.
- 4) Those who see the harvest as God’s divine activity gladly labor at the front lines of the Kingdom.
- 5) Those who follow their Lord to the front lines of the Kingdom do so at material risk to themselves.

**How have you fallen short in rallying to the call to battle?**

2. God's Expectation Is That His People Will Engage Those Who Are Mightier With The Gospel, (vs. 2)
  3. God's Promise Is That His People Will Follow Him Into This Gospel Battle & Be Victorious, (vs. 3)
  4. God's Declaration Is That His People Are Not The Center Of His Activity; The Gospel Is, (vs. 4)
  5. God's Covenantal Blessing Is That He Will Love & Save His People; Not Their Works Which He Has Done, (vs. 5)
- **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)
    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)
    - 4.
  - **God's Divine Purpose Is To Demonstrate His Mercy To The Rebellious As Illustrated In His People, (vs. 13 - 29)**