

“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)**

2. God’s Expectation Is That His People Will Engage Those Who Are Mightier With The Gospel, (vs. 2)

2.1) Numbers & Strength Are Human Measures Not Divine

“A People Great (or numerous) And Tall”-

¹⁾ “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, ²⁾ standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ³⁾ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”” (Revelation 7:9–10, ESV)

2.2) Reputation Is Of No Account In God’s Economy

“Whom You Know (Perf) & Heard (Perf) It Said”-

¹⁾ “The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. ²⁾ But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ³⁾ I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. ⁴⁾ For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? ⁵⁾ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁶⁾ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 2:15–3:9, ESV)

2.3) God Is The Only One We Need To Prepare To Meet

“Who Can Stand (Impt.Mid) Before”-

¹⁾ “See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁾ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ³⁾ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken – that is, things that have been made – in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ⁴⁾ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:25–29, ESV)

1) “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 2) “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” 3) For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:33–36, ESV)

- 1) God’s divine purposes are beyond our human comprehension though He has revealed some things.
- 2) Our human perspective is inadequate to evaluate the ways of God.
- 3) God has and is bringing about all things for His own glory.

How have you allowed what you know about some people to hinder your testimony of the Gospel?

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)
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 - **God's Divine Purpose Is To Demonstrate His Mercy To The Rebellious As Illustrated In His People, (vs. 13 - 29)**