

“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)**

3. God’s Promise Is That His People Will Follow Him Into This Gospel Battle & Be Victorious, (vs. 3)

3.1) Our Plans Only Work In God’s Leading

“Know (Perf) He Who Goes (Part) Before”-

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:15–21, ESV)

3.2) God’s Leading Is Never Half-Way; Either All Or Nothing

“As A Consuming (Part) Fire”-

“... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.” (2 Thessalonians 1:7–10, ESV)

3.3) God’s Gospel Results Are Never Temporary

“He Will Destroy (Impf) & Subdue (Impf)”-

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?” (Romans 8:31–35, ESV)

3.4) God’s Purposes Always Involve His People

“Lord Promised (Perf) Drive (Perf) & Make Perish (Perf)

Quickly”- *“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.” Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge, new, sharp, and having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and crush them, and you shall make the hills like chaff; you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the tempest shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the LORD; in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.” (Isaiah 41:10–16, ESV)*

1) “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 2) Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:10–12, ESV)

- 1) God will dissolve all things and lay bare all that is done.
- 2) The promise of God to dissolve all things should lead His people to live in godliness.

How are you experiencing defeat in the Gospel because you won’t follow God?

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)**