

“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)**

2. God’s People Have Continued To Rebel Before Their God Even As God Intervenes In Miraculous Ways, (vs. 7)

7.1) It Is Easy To Overlook Our Own Rebellion **“Remember (Impv) & Do Not Forget (Impf) How You Provoked (Perf)”**- *“And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.” (Romans 1:28–32, ESV)*

7.2) It Is Easy To Overlook God’s Graciousness **“Day You Came (Perf) Out Until You Came (Inf) To This Place”**- *“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’ ” Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” (Hebrews 3:7–13, ESV)*

7.3) It Is Easy To Overlook The Penalty For “Overlooking” **“You Have Been (Perf) Rebellious (Act.Part)”**- *“Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest...’ ”” (Hebrews 4:1–3, ESV)*

1) “I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 2) though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 3) The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 4) But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.” (1 Timothy 1:12–16, ESV)

- 1) We are what we are because of Christ’s appointment.
- 2) We act in ignorant unbelief but Christ acts in abundant faith and love.
- 3) Christ came to save the very worst of the very worst.
- 4) The power of Christ is best seen in those who need it most.

How is your sinful history best served to demonstrate the power of Christ in you?

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)**