

Theme: God chose a people for his own possession. Though they sinned against him God provided a means to cover their sin – imperfectly through the law and sacrifices, but perfectly in his Son who would offer the sacrifice made once for all.

Background: Last week – Glory! Made in the image of God. Shame that we experienced at the fall – and throughout our lives. But God chooses to provide for a people who are his own possession.

Introduction: An example of God’s perfect provision.

I. Chosen! (Deuteronomy 7:6-11)

A. Old Testament language: *Chosen!*

- Deuteronomy 14:2
- Psalm 33:12; 105:6; 135:4
- Isaiah 41:8; 44:1

B. New Testament language: Elect

- Matthew 24:31; Mark 13:20
- Romans 8:33; 2 Timothy 2:10; 1 Peter 1:1; 2:9

C. His treasured ones

1. Chosen, elect, drawn by the Father, *given* to the Son
2. To rest in his promises

II. Broken

A. Adam’s story

- We saw it in the beginning

B. Israel’s story

1. Their promises
 - Exodus 24:7; Joshua 24:18
2. The reality
 - Judges 10:6; 1 Kings 9:9; Jeremiah 5:19

C. Our story

1. None who is righteous, no not one!
 - Romans 3:23; 7:24
2. Dead in trespasses and sins
3. Mercy – not merit

III. Imperfect Provision (But *not* “insufficient”)

A. The Law

1. The commandments
2. The regulations
 - Romans 3:20

B. The Sacrifices (Hebrews 7:23-28)

1. To atone for sin
 - Leviticus 4-7
2. Endlessly repeated
 - Hebrews 10:4

IV. Perfect Provision (Hebrews 9:23-26)

A. The end of copies

1. To offer a perfect sacrifice (Hebrews 9:12-14)
2. The incarnation
3. To re-enter heaven in the flesh, a perfect *man*

B. Once for all

1. A lasting sacrifice
 - a. Priests?
 - Required to offer sacrifices *repeatedly*
 - Hebrews 9:25
 - b. Jesus?
 - Once for all!
 - Hebrews 7:27; 9:25,26
2. A living sacrifice (Hebrews 9:28; 7:23,24)
 - a. Priests?
 - They all died (Hebrews 7:23)
 - Their sacrifices were consumed and had to be replenished
 - b. Jesus?
 - Holds that priesthood
 - He lives forever
3. A loving sacrifice –
 - a. Showing the mercy he promised (Luke 1:68-72)
 - b. Fulfilling the love of provision (Deuteronomy 4:37; 33:3)
 - c. Loving his own to the end (John 13:1)
4. Saving to the uttermost those who draw near!
 - Not through our sacrifice, but through repentance and faith in Christ’s perfect sacrifice