

“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)**

4. God’s Declaration Is That His People Are Not The Center Of His Activity; The Gospel Is, (vs. 4)

4.1) We Must Take Care Not To Take Credit For God’s Activity

“Do Not Say After God Thrusts Out”-

“Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.” (Ezekiel 36:22–23, ESV)

4.2) We Must Take Care Not To Think More Highly Of Ourselves

“My Righteousness Brought (Perf) To Possess”-

“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,” (Titus 3:3–5, ESV)

4.3) We Must Take Care To See God’s Glory As The Central Focus

“Wickedness Of Nations Lord Driving (Part)

Out”- *“Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.” (Leviticus 18:24–28, ESV)*

1) “Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 2) who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 3) and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 4) for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do.” (2 Timothy 1:8–12, ESV)

- 1) We should not be ashamed that God is moving according to His own purposes.
- 2) We should be grateful that God has seen fit to include us in His plans.
- 3) We should rejoice that the Gospel has been consummated and made available to us.
- 4) We should undertake our God given task with sobriety and resolve for God’s glory.

How have you made God’s salvation more about you than about His glory?

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)**