

"A Nation Mightier"
Unconditional Promise 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 Demonstrate His Mercy To The Rebellious As Illustrated In His People, (vs. 13 – 29)**

8. Only The Pious Intercession Of God's People Will Stem God's Judgment Enacted Upon Those Who Lead, (vs. 20)

20.1) Those Who Lead God's People Are Not Immune To Sin

"Lord So Angry (Perf) With Aaron"-

"When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD."'" (Exodus 32:1-5, ESV)

20.2) Those Who Lead God's People Are Under The Same Divine Judgment

"Ready To Destroy (Inf)"-

"The days of punishment have come; the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool; the man of the spirit is mad, because of your great iniquity and great hatred. The prophet is the watchman of Ephraim with my God; yet a fowler's snare is on all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah: he will remember their iniquity; he will punish their sins." (Hosea 9:7-9, ESV)

20.3) Those Who Lead God's People Are In Greater Need For Prayer

"I Prayed For Aaron Also"-

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life..." (1 John 5:14-16, ESV)

1) "For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 2) He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, 3) since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. 4) For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever." (Hebrews 7:26-28, ESV)

- 1) Christ is our High Priest; the only One qualified in true righteousness.
- 2) Christ has no need to atone for His own sins but offers atonement for the sins of all God's people.
- 3) Christ's intercession was accomplished on the cross.
- 4) The Levitical priesthood stood as a type of the One Christ who was to come.

How can you actively pray for those who lead you in Christ?

9. Only A Radical Cutting Off Of Wickedness Is The True Measure Of Genuine Repentance, (vs. 21)