

“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)**

12. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Not Founded Upon Our Inherent Nature, (vs. 24)

Permit me to show you wherein this inability of man really does lie. It lies deep in his nature... the nature of man has become so debased, and depraved, and corrupt, that it is impossible for him to come to Christ without the assistance of God and the Holy Spirit... You see a sheep... Now bring me a wolf; and you ask me whether a wolf can not eat grass, whether it can be just as docile and just as domesticated as the sheep. I answer no; because its nature is contrary thereunto. You say, "Well, it has ears and legs; can it not hear the shepherd's voice, and follow him whithersoever he leadeth it?" I answer, certainly, there is no physical cause why it can not do so, but its nature forbids, and therefore I say it can not do so. Can it not be tamed? Can not its ferocity be removed? Probably it may be so far subdued that it may become apparently tame, but there will always be a marked distinction between it and the sheep, because there is a distinction in nature.

Now, the reason why man can not come to Christ, is not because he can not come, so far as his body or his mere power of mind is concerned, but because his nature is so corrupt that he has neither the will nor the power to come to Christ unless drawn by the Spirit.

24.1) The Lord’s Heritage Will Not Let Us Deny Our Nature Of Sin

“You Have Been (Perf) Rebellious (Part)”-

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.” (Psalm 51:1-4)

*Wild and unwholesome as the root Will all the branches be;
How can we hope for living fruit From such a deadly tree? ~~ Spurgeon Hymns, #469*

24.2) The Lord’s Heritage Is Granted In Spite Of Our Offense

“Against The Lord”-

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.” (Psalm 51:5-11, ESV)

There is a provoking quality in [our sin], fit to alienate the holy heart of God, and to incense his indignation... Do but consider what you conceive of wrongs done to you, how they stir your passions and provoke your patience, so that there is much ado to get you pacified; and what heinousness must then be in your offences against God... 'Against thee, thee only, have I sinned.' That relation and respect of sin to God, exhausts all other respects of injuries towards men... Yet such is the provoking nature of sin, that it cries for vengeance, and brings a sinner under the dreadful sentence of divine wrath, which he both pronounceth and can execute... ~~ Hugh Binning, Scotland, 1653

24.3) The Lord’s Heritage Is Greater Than Our Rebellion

“From The Day I Knew (Inf) You”-

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” (Romans 8:28-30)

1) “Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, 2) for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, 3) for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 4) the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, 5) enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, 6) in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.” (1 Timothy 1:8-11, ESV)

- 1) The Law is good for those who obey it but condemns those who are outside of Christ.
- 2) Condemnation of what is unholy
- 3) Condemnation of what is disobedient toward parents.
- 4) Condemnation of what is immoral and impure.
- 5) Condemnation of what is lying and contrary to doctrine
- 6) This is all for the glory of Christ in saving us from our wickedness.

How are you holding up your own goodness as a reason for God to love you?

Free from the law, O happy condition, Jesus has bled and there is remission, Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall, Grace hath redeemed us once for all. Once for all, O sinner, receive it, Once for all, O brother, believe it; Cling to the cross, the burden will fall, Christ hath redeemed us once for all.

13. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Based Upon His Greatness Alone, (vs. 25-26)
14. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Dependent Upon His Covenantal Love, (vs. 27)
15. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Founded Upon His Immutable Nature, (vs. 28)
16. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Only Possible Because God is God, (vs. 29)