

**“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)**

**14. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Dependent Upon His Covenantal Love, (vs. 27)**

*The promise, and the promise alone, must be the foundation of our hope, and all legal notions must be sternly dismissed as irreconcilable with salvation by grace. We must not begin in the spirit, and hope to be made perfect in the flesh. Our religion must be all of a piece. To sow with mingled seed, or to wear a garment of linen and woollen mixed, was forbidden to the Lord's ancient people; and to us it is unlawful to mingle mercy and merit, grace and debt. Whenever the notion of salvation by merit, or feeling, or ceremonies comes in, we must cast it out without delay, though it be as dear to us as Ishmael was to Abraham. Faith is not sight; the spirit is not the flesh; grace is not merit; and we must never forget the distinction, lest we fall into grievous error and miss the heritage which belongs only to the heirs according to promise. ~ C.H. Spurgeon*

**27.1) Do You Hear The Loving Voice God Calling You? “Remember (Impv) Abraham, Isaac & Jacob”-**

*“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.” (Micah 7:18–20, ESV)*

*Still the small inward voice I hear, That whispers all my sins forgiven;  
Still the atoning blood is near, That quenched the wrath of hostile Heaven.  
I feel the life His wounds impart; I feel the Savior in my heart. ~ Charles Wesley, “And Can It Be?”*

**27.2) Would You Rather Pursue Your Own Interests? “Do Not Regard (Impf) Stubbornness”-**

*“In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found, for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.” (Jeremiah 50:20, ESV)*

*God did that which belonged to him; that is, he gave man a perfect law, requiring him to continue in the love of God, and perfectly to obey him. By the wilful breach of his law, man did not only forfeit his hopes of everlasting life, but also turned his heart from God, and fixed it on these lower fleshly things; and thereby did blot out the spiritual image of God from his soul; so that man did both fall short of the glory of God, which was his end, and put himself out of the way by which he should have attained it; and this both as to the frame of his heart and life. 'The holy inclination and love of his soul to God, he lost; and, instead of it, he contracted an inclination and love to the pleasing of his flesh, or carnal self, by earthly things, growing strange to God, and acquainted with the creature... And hence springs all the sin of our lives. And not only so, but when God has of his – mercy provided us a remedy, even the Lord Jesus Christ to be the Saviour of our souls, and bring us back to God again, we naturally love our present state, and are loth to be brought out of it, and therefore are set against the means of our recovery; and though custom has taught us to thank Christ for his good will, yet carnal self persuades us to refuse his remedies, and to desire to be excused when we are commanded to take the medicines which he offers, and are called to forsake all, and follow him to God and glory. ~ Richard Baxter*

**27.3) Would You Rather Pursue Your Own Religion? “Their Wickedness”-**

*“You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” (Isaiah 43:23–25, ESV)*

*Man is saved either by works or not by works. There is no halfway ground, and all the efforts to find one have proved unsuccessful... man is not in a state of legal probation... he is condemned already; destitute of life and power, and therefore incapable of being the party to a legal covenant... He is under the curse of such a covenant, and therefore cannot hope for its blessing. He is delivered from the guilt and dominion of sin by the power and grace of a Redeemer. Being destitute of all things in himself, he is justified by the righteousness of another and sanctified by the Spirit of another. Salvation, as a harmonious whole embracing pardon, acceptance, adoption, peace, holiness and everlasting joy, is the free gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. This is our testimony. In the faith of these principles we would live and die, and consequently we would glory in nothing but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is ALL our "salvation and ALL our desire." ~ JH Thornwell*

**27.4) Would You Rather Pursue Your Own Salvation? “Their Sin”-**

*“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 1:18–20, ESV)*

**1) “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder! 2) Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 3) Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” – and he was called a friend of God. 4) You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.” (James 2:19–24, ESV)**

- 1) Do you think you get credit because you believe God exists?
- 2) Do you want to know the truth about your “so-called” faith that has no tangible evidence?
- 3) Do you not see that Abraham only did what he did because God has provided faith first?
- 4) Do you understand that real faith has real fruit to prove it exists?

**How do you claim God’s covenant but have no fruit to prove it is true?**

*And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain – For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? ~ Charles Wesley, “And Can It Be?”*

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)