

"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)**

16. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Only Possible Because God is God, (vs. 29)

... you cannot engage against the saints, but you must engage against God himself. By reason of that near and blessed union that is between God and them. You cannot be fighters against the saints, but you will be found in the casting up of the account to be fighters against God himself." And what greater madness than for weakness itself to engage against an almighty strength! The near union that is between the Lord and believers, is set forth by that near union that is betwixt a husband and his wife. They two shall be one flesh. ~ Thomas Brooks

29.1) Why Do You Think You Can Do Anything Apart From God? "They Are Your People & Your Heritage"-

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." (John 10:28-29, ESV)

If the efficacy of the ordinances abide not on you, you cannot be fruitful under them, at least you cannot "bring forth fruit to perfection... You may bring forth buds, or leaves, or blossoms; but if their influence continue not, that which you bring forth will never come to ripeness and perfection; it will be crude and sour at best: and sour grapes are as bad as no fruit, in the Lord's account; and unfruitfulness will provoke the Lord to deprive you of the gospel and ordinances: " He looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now... I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof. I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged : I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it." (Isai. 5: 2, 5, 6) ~ David Clarkson

29.2) Do You Not See That Everything Is By Faith In God? "Whom You Brought (Perf) Out"-

"...as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." (Romans 4:17-25, ESV)

*Why should I sorrow more? I trust a Savior Slain,
And safe beneath His sheltering cross, Unmoved I shall remain*

*The oath infallible Is not my spirit's trust
I know that He who spake the word, Is faithful, true and just.*

*He'll bring me on my way Unto my journey's end;
He'll be my Father and my God, My Savior and my Friend. ~ Spurgeon Hymns, #632*

29.3) Why Would You Not Submit To God Now? "By Your Great Power & Outstretched (Pass) Arm"-

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error." (1 John 4:4-6, ESV)

1) "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 2) He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 3) Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? 4) Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." (Romans 8:31-34)

- 1) Why would you not accept the power that is available to you through God's ordination?
- 2) Do you not realize that God has purposed to give His children the best?
- 3) If you are within God's purposes, who can bring any condemnation against you?
- 4) Why would you choose to operate outside the provision Christ makes for you?

Could it be that you feel powerless against life because you are not willing to trust what God is doing?

*With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabbath Lord, and there's none other God;
He holds the field forever. ~ Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Literal Translation)*