

“Chosen From The Rest”
Deuteronomy 14: 1 - 2
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Loving God Coventally Requires The Circumcision Of Your Heart And Not Exclusively Your Flesh, (vs. 16)

Message Emphasis: Many today have a distorted view of God as Father. This seems to come from a general misunderstanding of what being a father really means and because many people today do not have a good relationship with their earthly father, their view of God is affected. We must understand that if God is truly our Father, we are His possession and therefore, not at liberty to do as we may see fit but are called to honor God in all we do.

“Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” (Matthew 6:9–13, ESV)

To Enjoy God’s Covenant Ensures God’s Eternal Possession Of His People, (vs. 14: 1 - 2)

Grace... Gifting... Growth... Guarantee

- The believer’s relationship with God is an intimate relationship *It is not just a matter of simple paternity; it is abiding*
You are the sons of the LORD your God. *“... so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.” (Galatians 4:5–7, ESV)*
Our Father in heaven...
- The believer’s relationship with God intentionally excludes all others *How are you including worldly practices?*
You shall not cut (Impf) yourselves or make (Impf) any baldness on your foreheads for the dead (Part).
“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” (1 John 3:1, ESV)
... hallowed be your name.
- The believer’s relationship with God MUST distinguish us from all other people *Whose kingdom are you working toward?*
For you are a people holy to the LORD your God, *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” (Titus 2:11–14, ESV)*
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...
- The believer’s relationship with God changes everything *Do you see the marks of change?*
 - *There is a change in initiative – and the LORD has chosen (Perf) you*
“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide...” (John 15:16, ESV)
 - *There is a change in ownership - to be (Inf) a people for his treasured possession,*
“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9–10, ESV)
 - *There is a change in association - out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*
“As indeed he says in Hosea, “Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’ ”” (Romans 9:25, ESV)

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*****How Do I Enter Into A Covenant Relationship With God? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you understand what it means to be a child of God.

