

“He Who Goes Before You”
Material Requirements 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 Judge The Wicked In Righteousness By The Agency Of His People, (vs. 1 – 5)**

5. God’s Covenantal Blessing Is That He Will Love & Save His People; Not Their Works Which He Has Done, (vs. 5)

5.1) Human Ontology Is Woefully Insufficient

“Not Because Of Your Righteousness”-

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.” (Romans 3:21–27, ESV)

5.2) Human Sanctification Is Only Self-Justification

“Not Because Of Your Uprightness Of Heart”-

“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”” (Luke 10:25–29, ESV)

5.3) Divine Righteousness Demands Absolute Purity

“God Is Driving (Act.Part) Them Out”-

“Behold, God puts no trust in his holy ones, and the heavens are not pure in his sight; how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks injustice like water!” (Job 15:15–16, ESV)

“...The wicked man writhes in pain all his days, through all the years that are laid up for the ruthless. Dreadful sounds are in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer will come upon him. He does not believe that he will return out of darkness, and he is marked for the sword. He wanders abroad for bread, saying, ‘Where is it?’ He knows that a day of darkness is ready at his hand; distress and anguish terrify him; they prevail against him, like a king ready for battle. Because he has stretched out his hand against God and defies the Almighty,” (Job 15:18–25, ESV)

5.4) The Divine Remedy Is God’s Sole Promise

“He May Confirm (Inf) Word He Swore (Perf)”-

“... For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad – in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls – she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”” (Romans 9:6–13, ESV)

1) “We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 2) yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, 3) so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, 4) because by works of the law no one will be justified.” (Galatians 2:15–16, ESV)

- 1) Birthright is of no avail.
- 2) Justification is not found in the religious practices of anyone.
- 3) Belief in Christ (which may go against our tradition) brings justification only when fueled by faith.
- 4) Justification is not brought about by doing; only being.

How are you hoping in works of self righteousness that God will never be moved by?

- **God's Divine Purpose Is To Make His Word Known To The World Through The Voice Of His People, (vs. 6 - 12)**
 1. God's People Are Not By Nature Righteous But Are Dependent Upon God To Move On Their Behalf, (vs. 6)
 2. God's People Have Continued To Rebel Before Their God Even As God Intervenes In Miraculous Ways, (vs. 7)
 3. God's Wrath Burns Against Even His People Who Have Rebelled Before His Face, (vs. 8)
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- **God's Divine Purpose Is To Demonstrate His Mercy To The Rebellious As Illustrated In His People, (vs. 13 - 29)**