

**“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 Make His Word Known To The World Through The Voice Of His People, (vs. 6 – 12)**

**3. God's Wrath Burns Against Even His Own People Who Have Rebelled Before His Face, (vs. 8)**

**8.1) Unbelief Defiles The Most Holy Of Worship**

**“Even At Horeb”-“And**

*he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” (Exodus 32:4–6, ESV)*

**8.2) Unbelief Distorts Our View Of God's Activity**

**“You Provoked (Perf) The Lord To Wrath”-**

*“that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.” (2 Peter 3:2–6, ESV)*

**8.3) Unbelief Will Bring God's Immediate Judgment**

**“Lord Was Angry & Ready To Destroy (Inf.)”-**

*“... He received living oracles to give to us. Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of heaven...” (Acts 7:38–42, ESV)*

**1) “To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; 2) but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. 3) They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. 4) They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.” (Titus 1:15–16, ESV)**

- 1) The defilement of unbelief taints everything.
- 2) The defilement of unbelief spoils outwardly because the heart is rotten.
- 3) The defilement of unbelief dresses itself up in hollow devotion.
- 4) The defilement of unbelief is only good for destruction.

**How has your unholy worship deceived you into thinking God is pleased with your offering?**

4. God's Messenger Is Called To Deliver The Word Of The Lord In Humility, (vs. 9)
5. God's Moral Law Is Written By God Himself And Is Irrevocable, (vs. 10)
6. God's Word Revealed To His People Is Perfect And Enduring, (vs. 11)
7. God's Fallible People Have Broken His Moral Law And Fallen Into Condemnation, (vs. 12)

- **God's Divine Purpose Is To Demonstrate His Mercy To The Rebellious As Illustrated In His People, (vs. 13 – 29)**