

**"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)**

**2. The Lord's Hatred Of Wickedness Has Always Motivated Him To Redeem A People For His Own Possession, (14)**

**14.1) The Lord's Decree To Destroy The Wicked Is A Very Real Thing** **"Let Me Alone (Impv) / May Destroy"-**  
*"Thus says the LORD concerning this people: "They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins." The LORD said to me: "Do not pray for the welfare of this people. Though they fast, I will not hear their cry, and though they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence.""* (Jeremiah 14:10–12, ESV)

**14.2) The Lord's Decree To Destroy The Wicked Is A Very Absolute Thing** **"Blot Out Their Name"-**  
*"Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood..."* (Hebrews 12:21–24, ESV)

**14.3) The Lord's Decree To Purify A People Is A Very Certain Thing** **"Make A Nation Mightier"-**  
*"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)

**1) "Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. 2) If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. 3) Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 4) The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. 5) I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."** (Revelation 3:3–6, ESV)

- 1) The Lord has granted the preaching of His word to bring repentance.
- 2) If we are unwilling to "wake up," judgment will come upon us unexpectedly.
- 3) There are still those who repent in the sea of iniquity.
- 4) The one who overcomes the flesh by grace will never be blotted out.
- 5) Repentance brings the public declaration of one's acceptance before God.
- 6) Let him who has an opportunity to hear, do so.

**How has your acceptance of sin placed you in danger of being blotted out?**

3. The Lord's Judgment Upon The Wickedness Of Men Has Always Been Based Upon His Own Nature, (vs. 15)
4. The Lord's Wrath Burning Against Man's Wickedness Is Not Unfounded Or Premature, (vs. 16)
5. The Intrinsic Wickedness Of Man Makes Men Unfit To Receive God's Holy Law, (vs. 17)
6. Only Humble Submission To God's Holiness Will Stem The Terrible Wrath Of God On Sin, (vs. 18)
7. Only A Reverent Fear Of God's Authority To Judge Man's Wickedness Will Incline His Ear To Our Petitions, (19)
8. Only The Pious Intercession Of God's People Will Stem God's Judgment Enacted Upon Those Who Lead, (vs. 20)
9. Only A Radical Cutting Off Of Wickedness Is The True Measure Of Genuine Repentance, (vs. 21)