

"From Where We Stand"
Deuteronomy 7: 12 - 16
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"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Purity In Identity, Nature, Station & Might, (1 - 26)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-exchange With The World, (vs. 12 - 16)

1. As God's Beloved People, Our Motivations Are Different, (vs. 12)

- **Exposition: 12a) "Because you Listen (Impf) / Keep (Perf - to guard) / Do (Perf - to apply)"** *"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth." (Deuteronomy 28:1, ESV)*

12b) "God will Keep (Perf - to guard) covenant / steadfast love He Swore (Perf)" *"He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant," (Psalm 105:8-10, ESV)*

- **Illustration: 1) Christ came to save 2) Christ came to show mercy 3) Christ came to uphold oath**
4) Those who have been delivered 5) Now serve Christ in holiness

- **Argumentation: 1) "that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; 2) to show the mercy promised to our fathers and 3) to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, 4) being delivered from the hand of our enemies, 5) might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."** (Luke 1:71-75, ESV)

- **Application:** Let Zion, in her songs, record the honors of her dying Lord triumphant over sin;
How sweet the song, there's none can say But he whose sins are washed away,
who feels the same within.

We claim no merit of our own, but self condemned before thy throne, our hopes on Jesus placed;
In heart, in lip, in life depraved, our theme shall be, a sinner saved, and praise redeeming grace.

We'll sing the same while life shall last, and when, at the archangel's blast, our sleeping dust
shall rise, then in a song forever new the glorious theme we'll still pursue, throughout the azure
skies.

Prepared of old, at God's right hand, bright, everlasting mansions stand, for all the blood-
bought race; and til we reach those seats of bliss, we'll sing no other song but this: A sinner
saved by grace.

2. As God's Beloved People, Our Economy Is Different, (vs. 13 - 14)
3. As God's Beloved People, Our View Of Life Is Different, (vs. 15)
4. As God's Beloved People, Our Fidelity Is Different, (vs. 16)

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-connect With The World, (vs. 17 - 26)