

“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)**

6. Only Humble Submission To God’s Holiness Will Stem The Terrible Wrath Of God On Sin, (vs. 18)

18.1 Many Do Not Understand That Only Broken Humility Will Be Heard By God **“Lay Prostrate Before The Lord 40 Days”- ¹** *“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ² and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened. ³ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ⁴ But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ⁵ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”” (Acts 16:25–30, ESV)*

18.2) Many Do Not Want To See The Gravity Of Their Sin Before God **“Because Of All The Sin Committed (Perf)”- ¹** *“Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” (James 4:5–10, ESV)*

18.3) Many Will Not Admit Their Actual Rebellion Before God **“Doing (Inf) What Was Evil”- ¹** *“For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.” (Romans 10:3–5, ESV)*

18.4) Many Will Not Accept The Fact Of Impending Judgment On Their Sin **“Provoke (Inf) To Anger”- ¹** *“But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.” (Romans 2:5–11, ESV)*

1) “...And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and he became sick. 2) David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. 3) And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them.” (2 Samuel 12:15–17, ESV)

- 1) The Lord will enact judgment upon sin; sometimes on the children for the father’s actions.
- 2) There is intercession on behalf of those who are affected by the sin of others.
- 3) There is a component in which the community all intercedes for God’s mercy against sin.

How are you missing God’s mercy because of a lack of humility concerning your sin?

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)