

"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)

10. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Not Based Upon Our Faithfulness, (vs. 22)

22.1) We Are Unfaithful To How God Chooses To Care For Us

"Taberah Also"-

"So they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, whenever they set out from the camp. And whenever the ark set out, Moses said, "Arise, O LORD, and let your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate you flee before you." And when it rested, he said, "Return, O LORD, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel." And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire died down. So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them." (Numbers 10:33-11:3, ESV)

22.2) We Are Unfaithful To God Purposes For Our Lives

"At Massah"-

"Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"' (Exodus 17:2-7, ESV)

22.3) We Are Unfaithful With The Goodness God Has Given To Us

"At Kibroth-hattaavah"-

"Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at... Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?" (Numbers 11:4-11, ESV)

1) *"For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 2) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. 3) And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 4) I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose." (Galatians 2:19-21, ESV)*

- 1) God's revealed nature shows me where I am unfaithful that I may be find life in Christ.
- 2) Because I am unfaithful, the only way to receive life is to live with Christ in me.
- 3) With Christ living in me, the temporal life I now live is devoted to the One who died for me; Christ.
- 4) None of this denies God's grace in saving a people for Himself.

How are you denying God's faithfulness and trying to claim God's heritage through your own faithfulness?

11. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Not Dependent Upon Our Obedience, (vs. 23)
12. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Not Founded Upon Our Inherent Nature, (vs. 24)

13. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Based Upon His Greatness Alone, (vs. 25-26)
14. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Dependent Upon His Covenantal Love, (vs. 27)

15. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Founded Upon His Immutable Nature, (vs. 28)
16. The Heritage That The Lord Has Promised Is Only Possible Because God is God, (vs. 29)