

“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)**

6. God’s Word Revealed To His People Is Perfect And Enduring, (vs. 11)

11.1) God Declares To You His Work In Cleansing You From Sin **“At The End Of 40 Days & Nights”-**

“Then the LORD said to Noah, ¹⁾“Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ²⁾ Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. ³⁾ For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” ⁴⁾ And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.” (Genesis 7:1–5, ESV)

11.2) God Declares To You The Perfect Standard By Which All Are Gauged **“The Lord Gave (Perf) Two Tablets”-**

¹⁾ “For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses... ²⁾ Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ³⁾ but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. ⁴⁾ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’” (Hebrews 3:3–10, ESV)

11.3) God Declares To You How You May Be Found In Conformance **“Tablets Of The Covenant”-**

¹⁾ “who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ²⁾ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ³⁾ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.” (2 Corinthians 3:6–11, ESV)

¹⁾ “These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ²⁾ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation. ³⁾ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.” (Hebrews 9:6–12, ESV)

- 1) The Old Covenant showed perfectly the enduring value of Christ’s sacrifice.
- 2) The Old Covenant could not bring redemption but only pointed the way to Christ’s “once-for-all” atonement.
- 3) The Old Covenant is made obsolete by the New Covenant in Christ’s blood which is perfect & enduring.

Have you partaken of the nature of the Old Covenant by seeing that it points to Christ in the New?

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)**