

“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)**

9. Only A Radical Cutting Off Of Wickedness Is The True Measure Of Genuine Repentance, (vs. 21)

21.1) Repenting Requires That We Deal With Sin

“I Took (Perf) The Sinful Thing”-

“And the idols shall utterly pass away. And people shall enter the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth. In that day mankind will cast away their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, to the moles and to the bats, to enter the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth.” (Isaiah 2:18–21, ESV)

21.2) Repenting Is Turning From The Sin We Have Made

“The Calf You Made (Perf)”-

“They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, “Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?” He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, “Is there not a lie in my right hand?”” (Isaiah 44:18–20, ESV)

21.3) Repenting Must Be “Radical”

“Burned It / Crushed It / Grinding (Inf)”-

“By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.” (Hebrews 11:24–27, ESV)

21.4) Repenting Is Immersing Our Sin In Christ

“Find Dust (Perf) / Threw Into That (Part) Brook”-

“He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers. Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, “Can God spread a table in the wilderness? He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?”” (Psalm 78:16–20, ESV)

1) ““You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 2) If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 3) And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. 4) For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.” (Matthew 5:27–30, ESV)

- 1) Wickedness is a matter of the inner man; not the keeping the legal code.
- 2) Purity from contemplating sin requires radical measures.
- 3) Purity in carrying out what is proceeding from the heart requires radical measures also.
- 4) It is better to suffer materially for purity than to enjoy lustful passions as an evidence of perdition.

How are you willing just to put your “calf” away rather than destroy it completely?