

Deuteronomy Chapters 9 And 10 Only God Is Righteous Teague Bible Church 7/23/2023

As Christians we don't depend on our own good deeds to save us.

(Share Time) What do we depend on to save us?

Titus 3:5 " He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy,,,"

Our being chosen by God can only bring sweet humility, and not pride. This has been true for all time.

9:4 2 factors operating here. The righteousness of God and the unrighteousness of Canaan.

There are not 3 elements involved here; the goodness of Israel. For Israel is not good.

Israel's future even includes God choosing pagan nations to correct Israel. Habakkuk is shocked by this fact.

Israel was **not** deserving of victory over the nations that surrounded them. Israel could never say, "Give me what we deserve!"

Proverbs 24: 17-18 " Do not rejoice when your enemy falls. And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; of the Lord will see it and be displeased, and turn His anger away from him."

Ex. Thomas Hooker- (7/5/1586 - 7/7/ 1647) A friend said to Thomas Hooker as he lay dying, " Brother you are going to receive the rewards of your labors!" Thomas replied, "No brother, I am going to receive mercy!"

God's purpose is to display His own righteousness against sin and will temporarily use Israel as the means to show His character to the world.

But why Israel? Because of the faith of Abraham! God looks for more like him. Hebrews 11:6/ Genesis 15:6/ Habakkak 2:4.

9:6-7 History proved that Israel was "**stubborn.**" (Literally means to be, "Hard of neck.")

Why did God continue to work with them? **Deut. 7:7-8 / Romans 5:6-8**

9:24 Deut. 5:29/ 29:4 Playing the long game. How does He have that much patience? Since I assume you know Him, have you learned anything about patience?

This all fulfilled in Christ. The new covenant and the giving of the Holy Spirit to live in each believer. This is the ultimate and final revelation of God. Jeremiah 31:31-34/Ezekiel 36:25-27/ Joel 2:28/ Acts 2

Ex. The poet professor's daughter.

Remember God is forming a nation here. The Law is their constitution. The sacrificial system was always defective. It was a temporary arrangement. II Samuel 15:22/ Isaiah 1: 11-15/ Hebrews 10: 1-4.

Hebrews 10: 4 " For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin."

10: 1-11 Summarized

10: 12-13 What is God looking for? (The best question you could ever asked yourself)

That worship and life be one

To become a whole person; to be a "one person-person."

To love God results in loving others

In one sense it is easier to love God because He is perfect. We must do as the Lord does everyday; love the imperfect. (Matthew 5: 43-48). God wants you to be like Him; one who loves, not because someone is deserving, but as an act of the will, because it is your true nature in Christ.

Ex. Moses loved God, therefore, he loved the people of God; suffering for them and interceding for them.

Ex. Husband learned to love his wife again, after years of her coldness and carping.

"How did you do that?" I asked. He said," I chose, as an act of my will , to love her; no longer giving love, or holding back love based on my wives daily performance."

"How did you get there?" I asked. "I began to watch God. That is how God treats me," he said.

10: 14-22 Many sit back and cheer when you talk about the great things He has done; few personally respond. This is the history of Israel and the history of any group of people.

Without a heart change, no amount of evidence would convince a person that they need to surrender to God. We have a God who does not give up on you or anyone else. Until a person's dying breath God is reaching out.