

# Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#5] *Rejoicing in God's Rule!* – Deuteronomy 1:19–46; 1 Thess. 1:4–10

## Sermon Outline – August 13, 2017

### Children's Sermon: Peace with God?

Has Jesus recued you from God's anger?

How do you know?

#### **Romans 10:13**

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord *will be saved*.”

#### **Trip Lee:**

- Does your sin bother you?
- Is Jesus precious to you?



“Unfortunately, evangelicals have asked people to pray the words “Jesus Christ, I'm a sinner, please forgive me of my sins,” and then assured them of their salvation, as if the words somehow had power intrinsically attached to them. ... But how can a verbal formula transform a heart that worships idols into a heart that worships God?”<sup>1</sup>

We want to decide what is good for us (We are evil)

We trust our own opinions (We are proud)

**We do what we want;** (We are rebellious)

Saved, not Sincere

Disciples, not Decisions

**Only God Makes True Christians!**

### *The Historical Review* (1:6–4:40)

Notes:

#### Rebellion at Kadesh Barnea (1:19–46)

1. Instructions at Kadesh Barnea (1:19–25)
2. Rebellion against the Lord's Command (1:26–33)
3. The Lord's Judgment (1:34–40)
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebellion: Failed Conquest of Canaan (1:41–46)

#### **Deuteronomy 1:41–46**

<sup>43</sup> So I spoke to you, and **you would not listen;** but **you rebelled against the command of the Lord** and **presumptuously** went up into the hill country. <sup>44</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **Lawrence, Michael.** “Conversion: How God Creates a People” (9marks Building Healthy Churches) (pp. 55-56). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

Amorites... chased you as bees do and beat you down...  
<sup>45</sup> And you returned and wept before the Lord, but ***the Lord did not listen to your voice*** or give ear to you. <sup>46</sup> So you remained at Kadesh many days, the days that you remained there.

### The Caleb (& Joshua) Exception (1:36)

The general reason given here for Caleb's special promise is *because he has followed the Lord wholeheartedly*. The Hebrew idiom, rendered literally, would be: "he completely filled (himself) after the Lord"<sup>2</sup>

### Numbers 13:30

<sup>30</sup> But ***Caleb*** quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it."

### Numbers 14:6–9

<sup>6</sup> And ***Joshua*** the son of Nun and ***Caleb*** the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, ***tore their clothes***<sup>7</sup> and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup> ***If the Lord delights in us***, he will bring us into this land and ***give it to us***, a land that flows with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup> ***Only do not rebel against the Lord***. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and ***the Lord is with us***; do not fear them."

### Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Israel was being called follow Yahweh wholeheartedly (like Caleb & Joshua).



### Isaiah 46:3–4

<sup>3</sup> "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been ***borne by me*** from before your birth, ***carried*** from the womb; <sup>4</sup> even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs ***I will carry you***. ***I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save***.

<sup>2</sup> Craigie, P. C. (1976). *The Book of Deuteronomy* (p. 104). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

## The Gift of Faith & Repentance

...*Fired at our Life & Heart*

Are we delighted that Jesus is our king?  
Are you daily aware of your need for his rescue?



Real repentance is a new worship. It looks like a changed life, but that changed behavior results from a change of worship, not the other way around. Repentance is being convicted by the Holy Spirit of the sinfulness of our sin— not the badness of our deeds but the treachery of our hearts toward God. Repentance means hating what we formerly loved and served—our idols—and turning away from them. **Repentance means turning to love God, whom we formerly hated, and serving him instead.** It's a new deepest loyalty of the heart. (emphasis mine) <sup>3</sup>

### 1 Thessalonians 1:4–10

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> *because our gospel came to you not only in word*, but also *in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction*<sup>4</sup>. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And **you became imitators** of us and of the Lord, **for you received the word in much affliction**, *with the joy of the Holy Spirit*,<sup>7</sup> so that **you became an example** to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> **For** not only has *the word of the Lord sounded forth from you* in Macedonia and Achaia, but *your faith in God has gone forth everywhere*, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> **For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you**, and *how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God*,<sup>10</sup> and to *wait for*

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<sup>3</sup> Lawrence, Michael. Conversion: How God Creates a People (9marks Building Healthy Churches) (pp. 52-53). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

<sup>4</sup> “πληροφορία, ας f: to be completely certain of the truth of something—‘to be absolutely sure, to be certain, complete certainty.’” Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 370). New York: United Bible Societies.

*his Son from heaven*, whom he raised from the dead,  
**Jesus** *who delivers us from the wrath to come*.

## 2 Typical Evangelical Idols:

- The idol of the Life I wish I had (a.k.a. grumbling)
  - If only I had more money...
  - If only I had gifts like...
  - If only my family were...
  - If only my health...
  - If only my Christian walk was more consistent...
- The idol of the church I wish existed (a.k.a. man-centeredness)
  - If only we had more people...
  - If only we had more young families...
  - If only everyone lived out their faith consistently...
  - If only...

**Belief in the power of God's Gospel is Our Chief Challenge**  
**Jesus is our Treasure**