

## **DT. 9:25-29 -- THE GRACE OF GOD! NOT OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT HIS MERCY!**

*Deu 9:25 "Thus I prostrated myself before the LORD; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the LORD had said He would destroy you.*

*Deu 9:26 Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and said: 'O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.*

*Deu 9:27 Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin,*

*Deu 9:28 lest the land from which You brought us should say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them to the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness."*

*Deu 9:29 Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.'*

**The Biblical Setting:** - In chapter 9, God is reminding Israel of His great and mighty promise to them to enable them to go into the land of giants and conquer them.

- He tells them! Not because of your righteousness *"Deu 9:4-6 "Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out from before you. [5] It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. [6] Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people.*
- He reminds them of **their rebelliousness and provocations!** At Horeb –vs. 9-21; At Taberah (burning) and Massah (tempted) and Kibroth Hattaavah (graves of craving) and Kadesh Barnea (rebellion)– vs. 23-24

Now Moses prays: (Note focus: You, Yours – 12x; I, me – 1) *"Deu 9:26 Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and said: 'O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.*

- Because of God's past faithfulness to us!

*Deu 9:27 Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin,*

- Because of His past faithfulness to our forefathers!

*Deu 9:28 lest the land from which You brought us should say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them to the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness."*

- Because of His own glory and reputation among the nations!

*Deu 9:29 Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.'*

- Because we are His people!

### **SUMMARY:**

- Whatever favor God should show them, in **subduing their enemies** and **putting them in possession** of the land of Canaan, it was **not for their righteousness**.
- It is good for us often **to remember against ourselves, with sorrow and shame, our former sins,** and to review the records conscience keeps of them,
- That **we may see how much we are indebted to free grace!**
- That we may humbly own that we never merited at God's hand **anything but wrath and the curse.**
- Presently, **The Holy One**
  1. **Pleads for us before the mercy-seat,**
  2. **Who not only fasted, but died upon the cross for our sins;**
  3. **Through Whom we may approach,**
  4. **Though self-condemned sinners, we beseech for undeserved mercy**
  5. **We beseech for eternal life, as the gift of God in Him.**
- May we indeed, **refer all the victory, all the glory, and all the praise, to Him who alone brings salvation!!**

### **Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) – Chris Tomlin**

*Amazing grace/ How sweet the sound/ That saved a wretch like me/ I once was lost, but now I'm found/ Was blind, but now I see/ 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear/ And grace my fears relieved/ How precious did that grace appear/ The hour I first believed*

*Chorus: My chains are gone/ I've been set free/ My God, my Savior has ransomed me/ And like a flood His mercy reigns/ Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me/ His word my hope secures/ He will my shield and portion be/ As long as life endures/ Chorus*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow/ The sun forbear to shine/ But God, who called me here below/ Will be forever mine/ Will be forever mine/ You are forever mine (4x)/ Chorus:(2x)*

### **Grace – Michael W. Smith, Martin Smith (Ephesians 2:4-9)**

*I was lost when You found me here/ You pulled me close and held me near/ And I'm a fool but still You love/ I'll be a fool for the King of love/ you gave me wings so I could fly/ Gave me a song to color the sky/ And all I have is all from You/ And all I want is all of You*

*It's grace, Your grace, I'm nothing without You/ Your grace, Your grace shines on me*

*And there've been days when I've walked away/ Too much to carry, nothing left to say/ Forgive me, Lord, when I'm weak and lost/ For you traded Heaven for a wooden cross/ And all these years You've carried me/ You've been my eyes when I could not see/ And beauty grows in the driving rain/ Your oil of gladness in the times of pain/ Shines on me, shines on me/ Your grace, it shines on me/ Shines on me, shines on me/ It's Your grace*