

Sermon Notes | Choose Your New Nature - Deuteronomy 9 - 10

1. Your Nature Can't Earn the Promised Land

Deuteronomy 9:1–6 "Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan ... dispossess nations greater and mightier than you... Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the Lord your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you." (v.1–3)

"Do not say in your heart... 'It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,'... Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart... for you are a stubborn people." (v.4–6)

2. Your Nature Makes It Worse

Deuteronomy 9:7–17; 22–24 "Remember and do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness... you have been rebellious against the Lord." (v.7)

"Even at Horeb... at Taberah... at Massah... and at Kibroth-hattaavah you provoked the Lord to wrath... You have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you." (v.8, 22–24)

Doctrine of Original Sin

Original sin is the doctrine that, as a result of Adam's fall, all mankind are sinners by nature, having a propensity to sin that underlies every actual sin.
– Joel B. Carini

3. God's Nature Restores You

Deuteronomy 9:18–10:22

A. God Provides an Intermediary

"I lay prostrate before the Lord... forty days and forty nights... But the Lord listened to me that time also." (9:18–19)

"O Lord God, do not destroy your people and your heritage, whom you have redeemed..." (9:26)

Exodus 32:32: "But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written."

1 Peter 2:24: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree... by his wounds you have been healed."

Hebrews 7:25: "...he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

Deuteronomy 10:8: "At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark... to minister to him and to bless in his name..."

B. God Restores the Covenant

Deuteronomy 10:1–5 "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first... I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke..." (10:1–2)

C. God Transforms Your Heart

Deuteronomy 10:12–22 "And now, Israel... fear the Lord your God, walk in all his ways, love him, serve... with all your heart and soul..." (10:12)

"Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn." (10:16)

"For the Lord your God is God of gods... who is not partial and takes no bribe." (10:17)

Big Idea: Choose Your New Nature

Colossians 2:11–14

"In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands... having been buried with him in baptism... God made [you] alive... having forgiven us all our trespasses..."

How to Choose Your New Nature

Deuteronomy 10:20–21

- Submit to Him (*Fear Him*)
- Need Him (*Hold fast to Him*)
- Follow Him (*Serve Him*)
- Praise Him (*He is your God*)

Discussion Guide | Choose Your New Nature - Deuteronomy 9-10

Read Deuteronomy 9:4-6

- What do you honestly credit as the reason for the blessings in your life?
- If you are a Christian, how much self-righteousness or independence do you recognize in yourself?

Read Deuteronomy 9:6-7

- Where in your life have you been stubborn toward God by resisting Him?
- How do you respond to the idea that your nature is rebellious?
- What is your understanding of the doctrine of original sin?

Read Deuteronomy 10:1-10

Say: In the sermon, we looked at how God sent an Intermediary to turn aside His wrath, reestablish the covenant, and offer His people a new nature.

- How do you *choose* your new nature daily?
- What are two specific things you could do this week to walk in that nature?