

## Chapter 9 pt 2

## UNMERITED FAVOR

## “God’s Covenant of Unmerited Favor with us”

THE EXCHANGE OF COVENANT:

- 1) God’s desire was to **HAVE** or **NOT HAVE** a relationship with the children of Israel.
- ☞ When God told Moses to tell them with Exodus 19:4-6, God said this, it was with \_\_\_\_\_ in His voice as He recounted how He had brought them to Himself so that He could forge (to form or make, beat into shape, to imitate) a special relationship with the children of Israel.
  - ☞ However, the tragedy of all tragedies occurred (happened) for the children of Israel when they responded to God after \_\_\_\_\_ this [Exodus 19:4-6] at the foot of Mt. Sinai. The children of Israel were \_\_\_\_\_ and **DID** or **DIDN’T** want the relationship God had envisioned [dreamed].
    - The children of Israel wanted to deal with God at arm’s length, through impersonal [not personal, lacking human emotion or warmth] commandments. Remember John 1:17: “For the law was \_\_\_\_\_ by Moses...” and Exodus 24:12 says, “...and I will give you tablets of \_\_\_\_\_, and a law...” refers to Ezekiel that our heart is “the \_\_\_\_\_ heart” in Ezekiel 11:19)
    - The children of Israel seemed to have forgotten that it was God’s \_\_\_\_\_ that had brought them out of Egypt, that it was His \_\_\_\_\_ that had opened a way for them when there was no way [like Red Sea], and that it was His \_\_\_\_\_ that had given them ‘manna’ from heaven.
    - Now, the children wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the covenant of grace that they had been under for a different kind of covenant. When Moses told them what God had said, they responded arrogantly, saying in essence (real), “All that God commands us, we are well **ABLE** or **NOT ABLE** to perform!”
    - The children of Israel said to God, “God, don’t judge us and bless us anymore based on \_\_\_\_\_ goodness and faithfulness.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ [to determine the amount] based on \_\_\_\_\_ merits [claim to respect and praise; excellence; worth, worthiness of spiritual reward, acquired by righteous acts made under the law]. Bless \_\_\_\_\_ based on \_\_\_\_\_ obedience because \_\_\_\_\_ are well able to perform whatever You demand of \_\_\_\_\_!”

☞ From that moment onwards, God immediate \_\_\_\_\_ His tone with the children of Israel.

☞ God \_\_\_\_\_ Himself from the children of Israel and told Moses to command them children \_\_\_\_\_ to go near Mt. Sinai for the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_.

- What happened? Once God's grace was **ACCEPTED** or **REJECTED**
  - and the people presumed [to take for granted, assume, or suppose, to undertake (to do something) without right or permission] upon \_\_\_\_\_ own righteousness and obedience to response to Him
    - God \_\_\_\_\_ from the children of Israel.

2) Look at the \_\_\_\_\_ that God used on the Israelites after they chose to come under **THE COVENANT OF GRACE** or **THE COVENANT OF LAW**.

God said, "Mark off a boundary all around the mountain. Warn the people, 'Be careful!

Do not go up on the mountain or even touch its boundaries.

Anyone touches the mountain will certainly be put to **DEATH**.

No hand may touch the person or animal that crosses the boundary; instead, **STONE** them or **SHOOT** them with arrows. They must be put to **DEATH**."

(Exodus 19:9-13 NLT)

☞ What a change! The Lord's presence had been with them every step of the way in the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. The Lord had brought them through the Red Sea and provided for their every need. The Lord was \_\_\_\_\_ to the children of Israel because of His \_\_\_\_\_ to the Abrahamic Covenant based on **the COVENANT OF LAW** or **GOD'S GRACE**.

- But now, the Lord warned the children of Israel to **DRAW NEAR** or **KEEP AWAY FROM** His presence.
  - God would no longer deal with them in the same way after they had elected to come under a different covenant in their dealings with God—the one (Israel) who was based on: **God's goodness** or **their performance/obedience**
- 3) T F: God gave them the Ten Commandments and the covenant of grace was introduced.
- 4) Y N NS: Were the people of Israel able to live to their boasting that they could perform all that Commanded them to do?
- 5) What is the first commandment?
- 6) Y N NS: Did Israelites worship a god—golden calf at the bottom of Mt. Sinai?

- 7) Why? Paul mentioned, "the law is the strength of \_\_\_\_\_". The Voice Bible translated, "Sin came into the world, and death's sting followed. Then sin took aim at the law and gained power over those who follow the law." or Simple English Bible translated, "Sin is death's power to hurt. Sin gets its strength from its relationship with the law of God."
- 8) The \_\_\_\_\_ you try to keep the law by \_\_\_\_\_ efforts, the \_\_\_\_\_ it will bring forth what it [\_\_\_\_\_] was designed to bring forth—your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☞ And this will happen until it [\_\_\_\_\_] brings you to the end of \_\_\_\_\_, until you realize that you **CAN** or **CANNOT** meet God's perfect standards on your own and you cast yourself totally upon His grace and goodness.
- 9) After the children of Israel exchanged from the covenant of **LAW** or **GRACE** to the covenant of **LAW** or **GRACE**, when they murmured (complained) God's response to them—**SAME** or **CHANGE**.
- 10) **UNDER ABRAHAMIC COVENANT OF GRACE**, during the wilderness, people of Israel murmured, which: **God PROTECTED them from the fiery serpents** or **God ALLOWED the fiery serpents to move in to bit them to die**.
- 11) **UNDER MOSAIC COVENANT OF LAW**, after received the law from Mt. Sinai, people of Israel murmured, which: **God PROTECTED them from the fiery serpents** or **God ALLOWED the fiery serpents to move in to bit them to die**.
- 12) **UNDER ABRAHAMIC COVENANT OF GRACE**, when the children of Israel murmured, they **DIED** or **LIVED**.
- 13) **UNDER MOSAIC COVENANT OF LAW**, when the children of Israel murmured, they **DIED** or **LIVED**.
- 14) **BECAUSE OF THE LAW**, God **WILL** or **WILL NOT** lift His hands of protection over us.
- 15) **BECAUSE OF THE CROSS**, God **WILL** or **WILL NOT** lift His hands of protection over us.

#### THE TERMS OF THE OLD COVENANT:

- 16) In Deuteronomy 28—there is a beautiful verse that records the wonderful blessings from God that affect every area of our lives, including our families, careers and finances. These were blessings that were promised under the Old Covenant of \_\_\_\_\_. Two questions for you:
- ☞ But how would these blessings come upon you \_\_\_\_\_ you were under the Old Covenant? Under the old covenant of law, you would be blessed if you \_\_\_\_\_ God's law perfectly.
- ☞ But what happen \_\_\_\_\_ you fail to keep God's commandments perfectly? Under the Old Covenant of Law, \_\_\_\_\_ you failed, you would also attract what? \_\_\_\_\_

17) Why do you think that God found fault with this [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] covenant?

👉 Which one is God's best for the children of Israel?

a) The Abrahamic Covenant of Grace b) The Old Covenant of Law c) ?

👉 The children of Israel asked for it [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] when they \_\_\_\_\_ in their ability to be blessed based on their own \_\_\_\_\_.

👉 The children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ His unmerited favor.

👉 The children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ the Abrahamic Covenant [of \_\_\_\_\_ ] and \_\_\_\_\_ that they wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ based on: **THEIR OWN GOODNESS** or **GOD'S GOODNESS**.

18) T F: God wanted to bless His people based on their own law-keeping.

19) God had to humble His people because of their what?

20) God gave them the old covenant of law so that He showed them His perfect standards that \_\_\_\_\_ man could ever maintain [continuance, preserve, keep unimpaired, to affirm, to carry the expense of].

21) Y N NS: Could you ever maintain the old covenant of law perfectly?

22) Name one who ever maintain the old covenant of law that God show His perfect standards?

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