Deuteronomy 9:1-10:11

Read chapters 9 and 10:1-11

1. Because of their special status as “holy” and God’s “treasured possession” (7:6) and because of their mission to destroy the Canaanites (9:4), the Israelites were tempted to be proud. What were they inclined to believe about themselves?

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1. By contrast, on what basis was Israel in face chosen to conquer Canaan?

7:8; 10:14-15

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1. What attitude like the one in 9:4 might a Christian be tempted to have?

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How might a Christian resist this temptation?

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1. To quell their pride, Moses also reminded the people of the character they had displayed since the flight from Egypt.

How did Moses describe the Israelites in 9:6-7?

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1. How did God plan to respond to this behavior (9:13-14)?

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Why was he going to do this (4:24; 7:9-10)?

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1. God’s justice and holiness required this response unless Moses did something. What did Moses do to prevent God from destroying Israel (9:18-21, 25-29)?

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1. God’s mercy enable him to forgive Israel when Moses did this (4:31). How do you think Moses’ prayer let God be merciful without ceasing to be just and holy?

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1. How does Christ do for us what Moses did for Israel in Deuteronomy 9:18-21, 25-29? (Compare Psalm 106:23 to Hebrews 7:25)

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1. What can Christians do to turn aside or soften God’s judgment on their neighbors? (2 Chronicles 7:14; James 5:16-20)

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1. Why has God made the experiences of believers dependent on the prayers and actions of others? (See 1 Corinthians 12:12,21; Ephesians 4:16)

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