

Deu 7:6 "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

Deu 7:7 **The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;**

Deu 7:8 **but because the LORD loves you**, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deu 7:9 "Therefore know that the **LORD your God**, (*notice He says Lord "your" God not the God – this is God's way of saying I am yours and you are mine it infers RELATIONSHIP*) **He is God, the faithful God** who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Exo 19:3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

Exo 19:4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, **then you shall be a special treasure** (*be as highly valued by him, and as carefully preserved as the richest treasure among men*) **to Me above all people**; for all the earth is Mine.

Exo 19:6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

This topic of Love and more so the Love of God demonstrated in His grace towards us in that He loves me, not because I am anything special or achieved anything great, but for the sole reason **THAT I AM THE OBJECT OF HIS LOVE** and because of this He believes and desires the best for me.

He cannot lie to me. The wonder of Gods Grace in that from the beginning He never shunned the ones He loved but rather reached out in grace to deal with the sin which He hates and to deliver the people which He loves.

THIS GRACE IS UNDESERVED FAVOR - A FAVOR I AM NOT ENTITLED TOO & CANNOT DEMAND - A LOVE I CANNOT EARN - A MERCY I DO NOT DESERVE - AN ENABLING POWER THAT I CANNOT NATURALLY PERFORM

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD - GRACES ME WITHOUT ANY QUALIFICATION OR SELF EFFORT- ITS UNDESERVING AND FREELY GIVEN **BECAUSE HE HAS SET HIS LOVE ON ME.**

AND FROM THE BEGINNING GOD HAS ALWAYS
REVEALED HIS GRACE TO HIS PEOPLE

HIS GRACE IS REVEALED IN MY LIFE WHEN HE
BLESSES ME

HIS GRACE IS REVEALED IN MY LIFE WHEN HE
DISCIPLINES ME

HIS LOVE FOR ME CHANGES NOT WHETHER IN
BLESSING OR DISCIPLINING ITS ALL AN ACT OF LOVE

In the garden God left instructions and said if you eat of this tree you shall surely die - they ate and sin brought shame, shame causes one to Hide –and they hid.

It was God's grace that reached out to Adam “ Adam where are you?

God knew where He was

But shame and blame erodes trust and trust is the foundation of RELATIONSHIP

HE HID BECAUSE HE DOUBTED THE LOVE – HE FEARED THE COSEQUENCE

This shame brought blame . AND ADAM BLAMED GOD - “THIS WOMAN **WHOM YOU GAVE ME**” - AND THE WORLD AND THE WORLDLY ARE STILL BLAMING GOD TODAY BECAUSE THEY SEE HIS DISIPLINING AS PUNISHMENT RATHER THAN GRACE AND LOVE

WHEN TEMPTATION LED DISOBEDIENCE WHICH IS SIN
THAT LED TO SHAME THEN TO BLAME IN THE GARDEN - THERE WAS A CONSEQUENCE .
HE CAST THEM OUT OF THE GARDEN TO DEAL SIN ISSUE
TO SEPARATE THE OBJECT OF HIS LOVE FROM THE SIN
HE COULD OF DESTROYED THEM FOR THERE REBELLION
BUT IN HIS GRACE AND LOVE HE DISCIPLINES THEM

THEY WERE NOT WHERE THEY SHOULD OF BEEN BUT HE HASN'T
WRITTEN THEM OFF

- BUT IN THE DISCIPLINING GOD IS STILL THERE
- IN HIS SILENCE HE IS STILL THERE
- WHEN ALL HELL BREAKS OUT HE IS STILL THERE .
- WHEN I MUCK UP HE'S STILL THERE
- WHEN I'M NOT IN THE PLACE HE HAS DESIGNED FOR ME TO BE HE'S
STILL THERE

ALL THE TIME DEALING WITH THE ISSUES OF SIN
DISCIPLINING HIS CHILDREN IN HIS GRACE

WE NEED TO ANCHOR OUR SOUL IN HIS LOVE AND GRACE –

- I AM THE OBJECT OF HIS LOVE AND AFFECTION A SPECIAL TREASURE TO HIM
- IN THAT GOD CANNOT LIE AND AS THERE IS NO ONE GREATER HE SWORE BY HIMSELF! - HE WILL COMPLETE WHAT HE HAS SAID -

HEB6V15 ABRAHAM HAD TO PATIENTLY ENDURE BEFORE HE OBTAINED WHAT WAS SPOKEN

**GRACE WILL CAUSE YOU TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENDURE THE TRIAL
GRACE WILL CAUSE YOU TO HAVE THE PATIENCE TO WAIT**

IF I DO NOT RECOGNISE HIS GRACE TOWARDS ME AND WHEN TROUBLE SURROUNDS ME OR IF SIN HAS DECEIVED ME

MY SOUL CAN COME ADRIFT FROM ITS ANCHOR

AND I BECOME TOSSED, DRIVEN AND MOVED BY THE STORMS OF LIFE

2Cor12Verse 9 : “Jesus said (in response to Paul’s prayer), ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”

In weakness? What most people in church wants is escape from the weakness, not to experience the discipline of power in weakness. People want the power to escape the weakness there in , but God offers power to endure the weakness in love.

**THE FATHER DIDN'T REMOVE THE CROSS FROM CHRIST
HE PREPARED CHRIST FOR THE CROSS**

NO MATTER WHAT MY CIRCUMSTANCE HIS GRACE IS
SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO KEEP ME ANCHORED - HIS POWER
OF GRACE IS MADE PERFECT

(MATURED COMPLETE) IN MY WEAKNESS

HIS REVEALING GRACE HIS DISCIPLINING LOVE EMPOWERS ME TO BECOME
PREPARED TO
CARRY MY CROSS

(EX15V22-26) WHEN I STOP AT THE WELL OF MARAH (**BITTER WATERS**) AND
COMPLAIN MURMUR AND PARTAKE OF THE BITTERNESS OF THOSE AROUND
ME OR EAT OF THE COUNSEL OF MY OWN SOUL AND NOT OF THE SPIRIT, ITS
ONLY BY THE APPLICATION OF HIS GRACE MADE PERFECT IN MY CROSS
EXPERIENCE THAT CAN MAKE THE BITTER WATERS SWEET

SWEET WITH THOSE AROUND ME—

· SHOWING GRACE WHEN IS UNDESERVING , NOT EXPECTING PEOPLE TO PAY