

WORD

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DEUTERONOMY 7:7-9

In the book of Deuteronomy, God gave instructions and guidelines to His people as He prepared them to enter the Promised Land. God promised to bless His people and fulfill His promises to them, not because of who they were or what they had done, but because of who God is. Likewise, though we do not deserve His blessings, He showers us with benefits because He is our loving Creator, faithful Promise-keeper, and Almighty God. In this lesson, we will look at why we receive the promise of blessing in our lives.

1 We are blessed because of God's love.

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Because God loves us, He chooses to bless us. His love, graciousness, and kindness bring about the blessing. In all honesty, like the Israelites, we are difficult to love and unworthy of His love. What do you think it means for God to *set his love on you*? How does God's unending and unconditional love assure and secure you?

2 We are blessed because of God's faithfulness.

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God is not like us humans. When He makes a promise, He always keeps it, no matter how difficult it will be to fulfill, and no matter how faithless the recipients of the promise may be. We are not blessed because of what we own or what our social status is, but simply because God is faithful to us. Because He is faithful, He keeps His covenant—even to a thousand generations after. How has God shown Himself faithful to you and your family?

3 We are blessed because of God's power.

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No one else could save and bless the Israelites the way God did. God brought them out of Egypt and redeemed them from slavery, bringing forth one miracle after another with His mighty hand. The Israelites were saved and blessed because of God's great power, never because of anything they did. We, too, are saved by Christ's finished work on the cross, and we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). How were we slaves like the Israelites, and how have we been redeemed by God?
