

GOD'S LOVE FOR ISRAEL

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

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When God called a prophet, it was
more a burden than an honor.

I. The book of Deuteronomy fills a special spot in the Bible story.

- At the threshold of the Promised Land, God reviewed the history of God's love for Israel
- The 10 Commandments are rehearsed, but only as the response to the story of God's love.
Deuteronomy 4:32-36
- The rationale for obeying God's commands is that they are the expression of God's love.
Deuteronomy 4:37-40

II. Obeying God's laws is a frequent theme in Deuteronomy.

- God's people are to obey God because they are a special treasure, chosen and holy.
Deuteronomy 7:6; 1 Peter 2:9-10
- God didn't choose to love Israel or their ancestors because they were strong or righteous.
Deuteronomy 4:7
- We have no description of Abraham's faith or righteousness until after God called him.
Joshua 25:2-3, 15; Genesis 22:8; Deuteronomy 7:11
- A loving father chastises, but never gives up.
Deuteronomy 8:5-6; Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:5; Romans 11:1; 10:13

*Israel was weak and ungodly, and God loved them.
We were weak and ungodly, and God loved us.*