

Chosen by Our Faithful God
Deuteronomy 7:6-16

In our world, the 'chosen' are usually the strongest, the smartest, or the most qualified. But when we turn to Deuteronomy 7, we find God chooses because He decides to love. He chooses people because of His faithfulness.

Before entering the Promised Land, Moses reminded a new generation of Israelites that they were the prized possession of God because God had chosen Abraham and his future offspring. Now they were chosen because of God's faithfulness to him.

The New Testament, mirroring the language of the Old, says that followers of Jesus are chosen too. **1 Peter 2:9** says, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession,..." Like Israel in the OT, if you are a follower of Christ, **Eph. 1:4** says, "He chose us in him before the creation of the world." He chose us in Him. The Bible says, God chose Christ before the creation of the world and if we are "in Christ," we are chosen in Him. And God remains faithful to His choice. **2 Timothy 2:13** says, "if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself."

But **Deut. 7:12** seems to say that God's faithfulness is conditional. Reading the whole Bible is so important. **Romans 3:10** and **3:20** affirm that the law is impossible for us to fulfill completely. Reading it, we become aware that we aren't able to fulfill it. But Jesus came to fulfill for us perfectly the very law we are unable to fulfill for ourselves. Because of God's choice of Jesus, and because you are "in Him," He remains faithful to us.

To be chosen by God is to become part of the people called holy to the Lord. None of us deserve to be a part. We haven't earned it. We haven't paid the dues. We just showed up at the foot of the cross, and in faithfulness to His Chosen One, Jesus, God chose us in Christ to be on the most prized team of all—a people holy to the Lord.