

Deuteronomy 9:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Moses' sweeping indictment summarizes Israel's entire history - continuous rebellion characterized their relationship with God from the beginning. This statement exposes human sinfulness and divine patience.

The phrase from the day that I knew you covers the period from the exodus through the wilderness wandering. Throughout this time, despite seeing unprecedented miracles and receiving extraordinary provision, Israel persistently rebelled. This reveals that external religious privilege does not produce internal righteousness.

This universal condemnation anticipates Paul's teaching that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). Israel's pattern mirrors all humanity's rebellion - given knowledge of God and His law, people nevertheless persist in sin. This drives home the necessity of God's transforming grace.

Yet God's preservation of rebellious Israel demonstrates covenant faithfulness. Despite their persistent rebellion, God did not utterly forsake them but continued working His redemptive purposes through them toward the coming of Christ.

Historical Context

Moses speaks this on the plains of Moab shortly before his death and Israel's entrance to Canaan. Looking back over forty years of wilderness wandering, he can identify no period of consistent faithfulness - only continuous rebellion punctuated by occasional repentance.

This honest historical assessment served to humble the second generation and prevent presumption as they entered the land.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does Israel's continuous rebellion despite extraordinary privileges reveal about human nature?
2. How should recognizing our own pattern of rebellion affect our view of God's patience?
3. Why doesn't external religious blessing automatically produce internal spiritual transformation?
4. How does Israel's history demonstrate God's covenant faithfulness despite human unfaithfulness?
5. In what ways do believers today mirror Israel's pattern of rebellion despite blessing?

Interlinear Text

מִמָּחַר יָם	עִם	יְהוָה	מִיּוֹם	יָדַעְתִּי	
Ye have been rebellious	H1961	H5973	against the LORD	from the day	that I knew
H4784		H3068	H3117	H3045	
אֶתְכֶם:					
H853					

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 31:27 (References Lord): For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

Acts 7:51 (Parallel theme): Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.