

God's Special Treasure

Introduction

Exodus 19:1-8

1. **Fulfilling the promise to Abraham God now calls Israel His special treasure IF they will obey Him.**
2. **Is the nation of Israel still God's special treasure?**
 - A. **If not, who is?**

God and the Nation of Israel

1. **The Israelites make the journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai (vs. 1-2).**
2. **During this process we find that God cared for them (vs. 3-4).**
3. **God called them His special treasure – above all people (vs. 5-6).**
4. **Israel agreed that they would obey God (vs. 7-8).**
5. **The Psalmist writes how God chose Israel.**

Psalms 135:1-4 Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD! You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God, Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant. For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, **Israel for His special treasure.**

God's Special People

- **Those who are truly God's special treasure today are those who:**

1. **Are circumcised in heart.**

Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart**, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

A) Neither Jew nor Greek.

Galatians 3:28-29 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and **heirs according to the promise**.

2. **Are a chosen generation.**

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

3. **Have come near to God in Christ Jesus.**

Ephesians 2:11-13

4. **Are fellow citizens in the kingdom of God.**

Ephesians 2:19-22

Belonging to God

- **As a result of knowing that we are God's special treasure, then this is what will be accomplished because of that understanding:**

1. We have been bought with the ultimate price.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For **you were bought at a price**; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

2. We have been redeemed by the blood of Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **but with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

3. As a result of these two things, a person knows the importance of being baptized into Christ in order to have their sins forgiven.

Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**.

4. We are a new creation.

Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

5. There is an inheritance waiting in heaven for us!

1 Peter 1:3-4

Conclusion

- 1. Fulfilling His promise to Abraham God calls Israel His special treasure above all people.**
- 2. Now, in Christ, the final fulfillment comes; a people who belong to God, purchased by the blood of Jesus.**
- 3. Christians are now those special people.**

