

Pastor to People

Holy scriptures readings for July 26th, 2026 [Nineth Sunday after Pentecost]



Deuteronomy 7: 6-9

[Deuteronomy 7: 6-9 ESV - "For you are a people holy to the - Bible Gateway](#)

As I stated in last weekend's sermon, the Israelites were set apart by the Lord to be the people from who the Messiah, Christ, would come from. There was nothing special in them, they were not any less sinful than any other group of humans, that they were larger in number, in fact it started through one family. It was because the Lord chose them, and He guided them to faith. The Lord chooses us and guides us to faith as well, thus we are called to trust in Him, knowing that He will guard and keep us as He did the Israelites of old.

Romans 8: 28-39

[Romans 8: 28-39 ESV - And we know that for those who love God - Bible Gateway](#)

The Lord loves His people, whom He has called to Himself, through Spirit, blood, and water. He has promised to take care of the needs of body and soul of His people. This is how He works good for those who love Him. He of course in this text refers first and foremost to their spiritual or eternal needs, at the end of time we will have salvation, this is the good he refers to, there is no greater good than eternal life with Him. The work is through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who rescues us from sin, death, and the devil, and makes us one with Him.

Matthew 13: 44-52

[Matthew 13: 44-52 ESV - The Parable of the Hidden Treasure - Bible Gateway](#)

We get a series of shorter parables, the first is the hidden treasure. Simply put, we are the treasure that He finds. He loves us, for we are the creation of the Father, who by sin have lost to eternity. So He sells all that He has, namely He gives up His life as the price to buy us from eternal death, so that in His resurrection He may acquire us, and take us to Himself in Heaven to live with Him and the Father and the Spirit for all eternity.

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