Blessings and Curses

Leviticus 26

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What Will Earn God's Favor?

I try to live right.
Surely God will
accept me.

Take a look at what God actually says in his reckoning.





Outline of Leviticus

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A. Consequences of our Acts

Rewards and Punishments



gracious speech

immediate peace

Prov. 15:1

years of peace

Prov. 16:17

generations enjoy land

Lev. 26:9

a shadow of:

eternal inheritance



foolish speech

Isn't it true!

immediate quarrel

Prov. 15:1

years of quarrel

Prov. 11:6

generations suffer

Lev. 26:14-39

a shadow of:

eternal damnation



God

God punishes

decrees

sin (foolish speech)

suffering

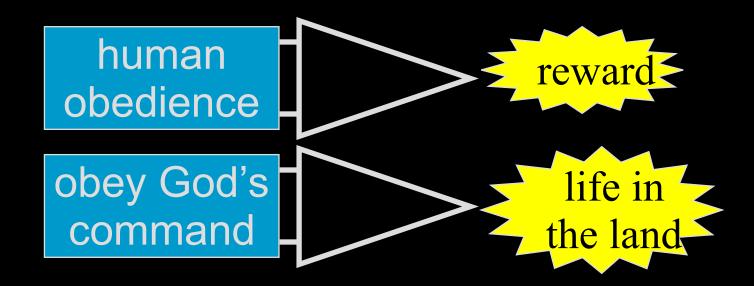
process within the world

sin brings suffering

B. Deserving

What People Deserve

Works principle: reward is based on and grounded in obedience by the human person.



What Will You Deserve?

That is what I hope for. To get a just reward.

God is just in rewards.

Look at what Israel got.





Lev. 26:27-33 "If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over. You will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters. I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars and pile your dead bodies on the lifeless forms of your idols, and I will abhor you. I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will take no delight in the pleasing aroma of your offerings. I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled. I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins."

What We Deserve

human obedience

reward

obey decree Adam rebels life in land

Everybody involved

Adam expelled and dies



Christ obeys

Christ inherits earth

C. Undeserved Favor (Grace)

Escaping God's Fury

I see that I am like the Israelites. So how can I escape?

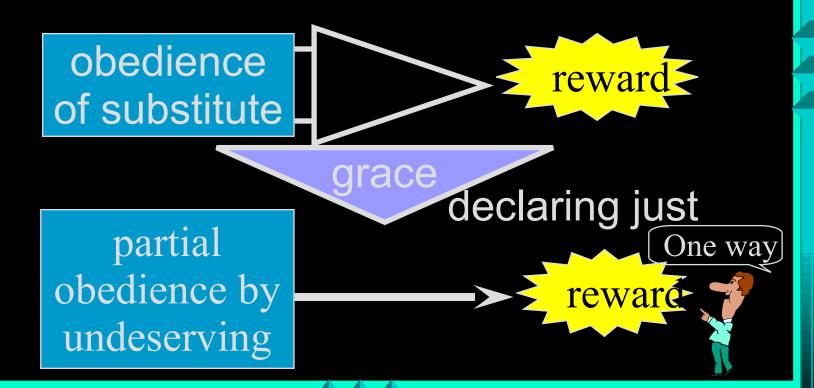
By grace!



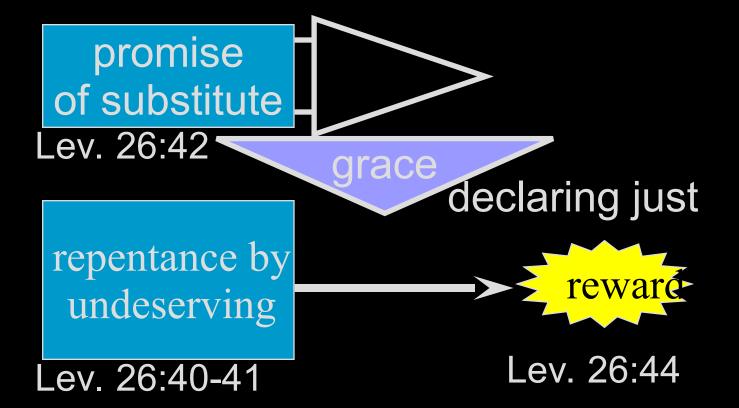


Grace

Grace principle: reward is based on obedience of a substitute.



Grace in Leviticus 26



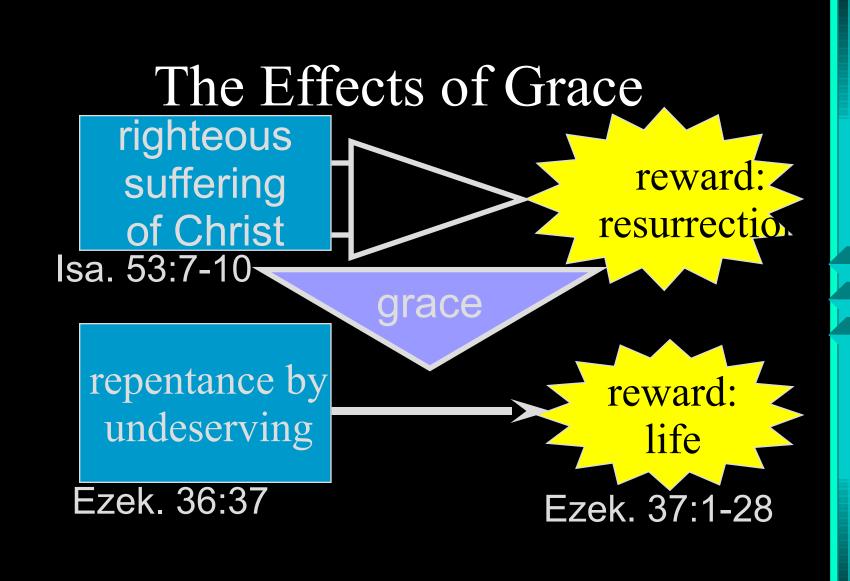
Grace in Christ

How can anyone be perfect?

Christ came as the perfect Israelite!







Obedience and its Reward In Leviticus 26

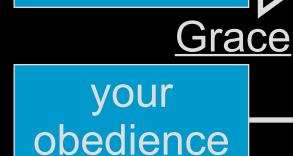
human obedience



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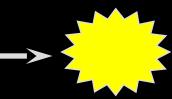
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All planned



Christ's

obedience



Receive God's Grace

It's humiliating.
I can't do it myself.

So there is still significance to obedience.

You can be grateful to Christ.



