


# **The Making of a People**

Deuteronomy 1:1-18

1. The LORD formed a people.
  - a. By His own \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. By His \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. By His \_\_\_\_\_
2. The LORD bound a people.
  - a. To \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To \_\_\_\_\_
3. The LORD blessed a people.
  - a. With \_\_\_\_\_
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The background of the slide features a sepia-toned illustration of a biblical scene. It depicts a group of people in a desert environment, with some individuals raising their hands in a gesture of praise or agreement. The style is reminiscent of a woodcut or a historical engraving. The text is overlaid on this background.

# Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Commitment

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# Deuteronomy 1:1-18 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

<sup>2</sup> It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.

<sup>3</sup> In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them,

<sup>4</sup> after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei.



# Deuteronomy 1:1-18

<sup>5</sup> Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab,  
Moses undertook to explain this law, saying,

<sup>6</sup> “The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain. <sup>7</sup> Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

<sup>8</sup> See, I have set the land before you.

Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.’”

# Deuteronomy 1:1-18

<sup>9</sup> At that time I said to you, “I am not able to bear you by myself.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you!

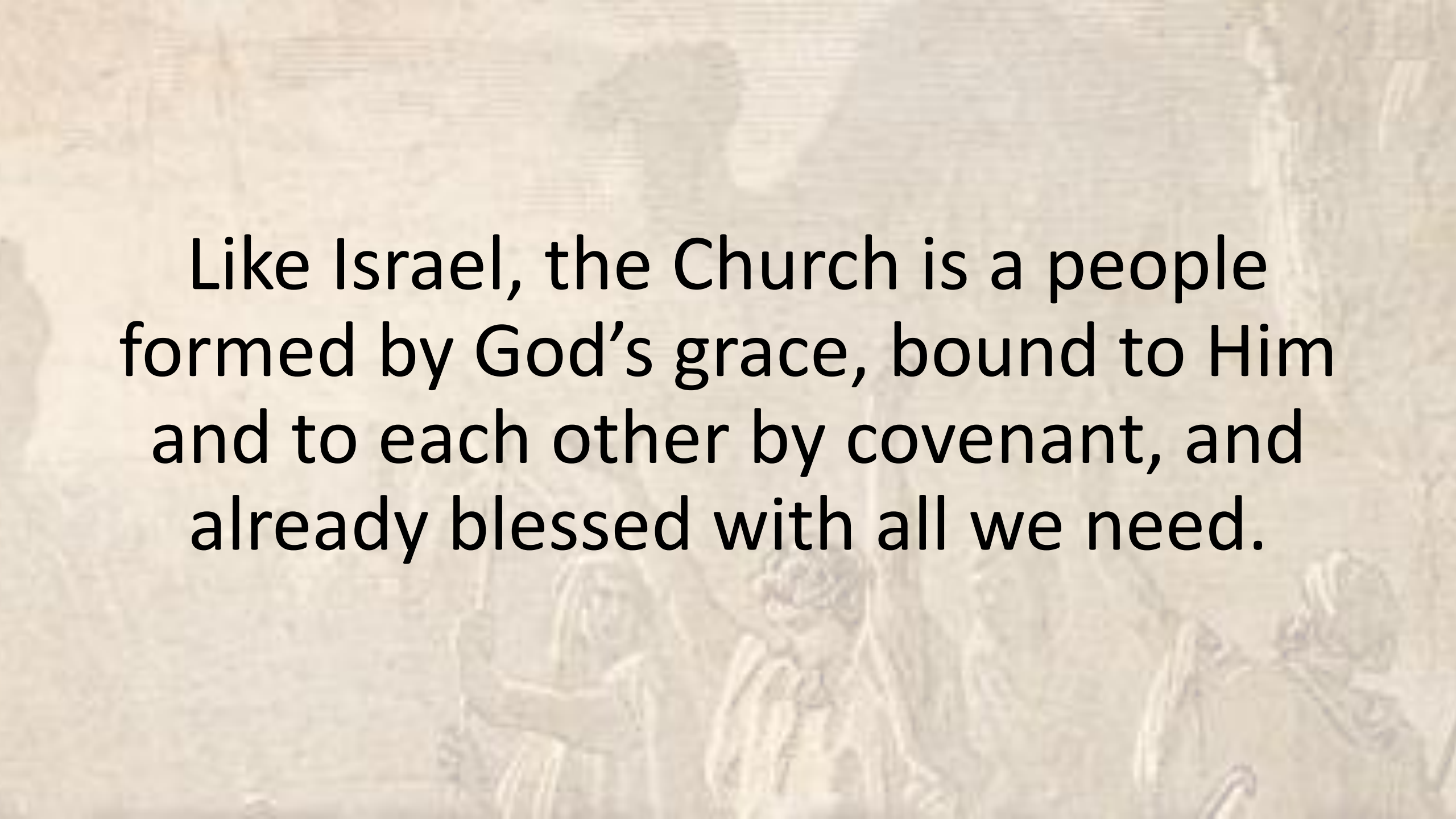
<sup>12</sup> How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? <sup>13</sup> Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.”

<sup>14</sup> And you answered me,  
“The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.”

# Deuteronomy 1:1-18

<sup>15</sup> So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes.

<sup>16</sup> And I charged your judges at that time, “Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. <sup>17</sup> You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God’s. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.” <sup>18</sup> And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

A faint, sepia-toned background image of a church interior. In the foreground, several people are seen from behind, kneeling in prayer with their hands raised. In the background, a person stands near a pulpit, possibly a minister. The overall atmosphere is solemn and spiritual.

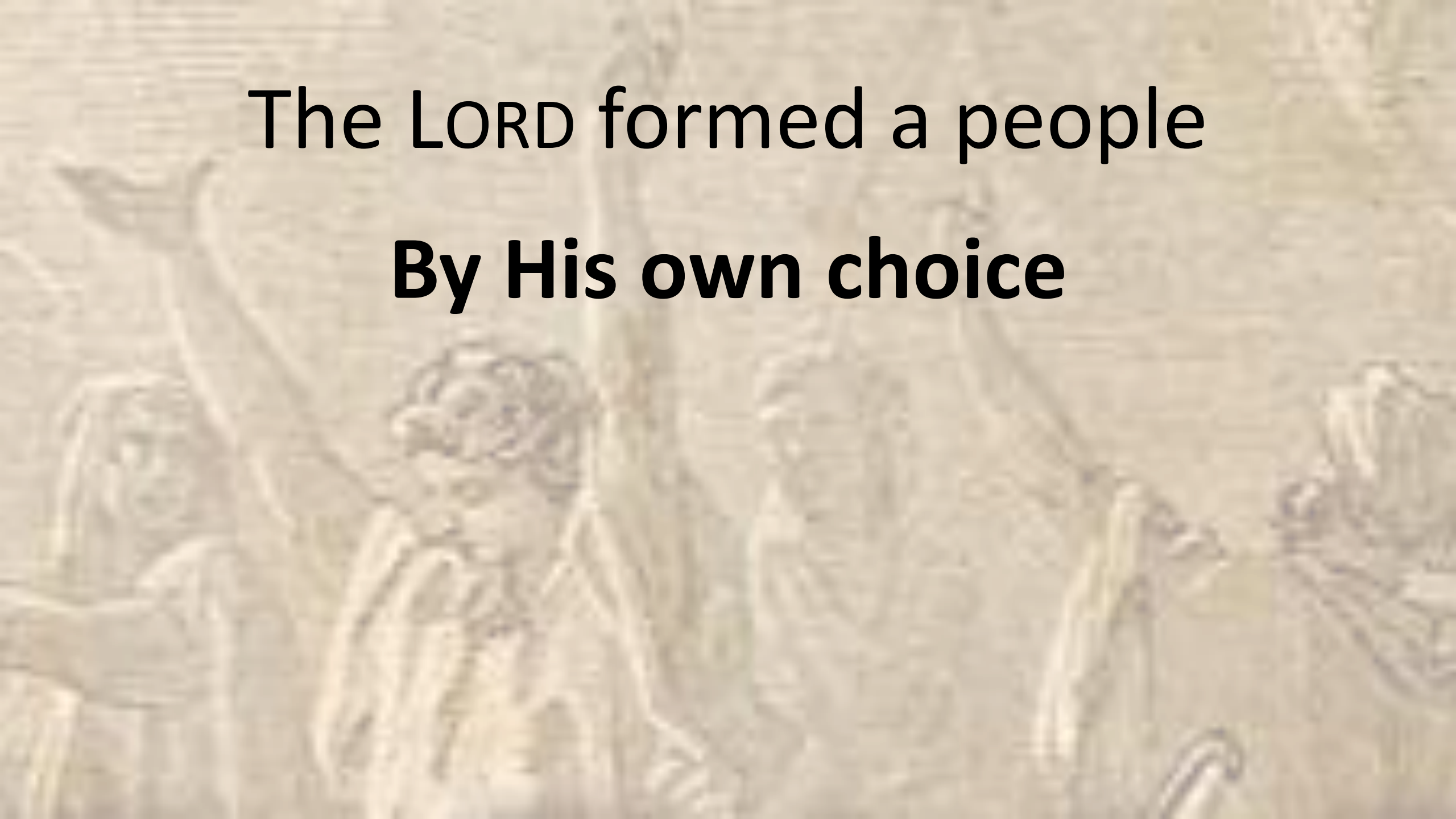
Like Israel, the Church is a people  
formed by God's grace, bound to Him  
and to each other by covenant, and  
already blessed with all we need.



# The Making of a People

The LORD *formed* a people.

The LORD formed a people  
**By His own choice**



**Deuteronomy 10:14-15**

Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

Israel existed because God had  
chosen to form them as a people by  
His grace and for His own delight.



### **Deuteronomy 7:6**

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.  
The LORD your God has chosen you to be  
a people for his treasured possession,  
out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

# What about us?

## **1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God.

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# Confirmation

## Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places in Christ, just as **He chose us**  
in Him before the foundation of the world...



# Confirmation

**Colossians 3:12**

And so, as **those** who have been **chosen of God**,  
holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion...

**2 Thessalonians 2:13**

But we should always give thanks to God for you,  
brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God has chosen you**  
from the beginning for salvation through sanctification  
by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

# Why not?

## Deuteronomy 7:7-8

It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers...

# Why not?

Deuteronomy 9:4-6

Do **not** say in your heart... “**Because of my righteousness** the LORD has brought me in to possess this land...”

**Not because of your righteousness** or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land...

Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is **not** giving you this good land to possess **because of your righteousness**, for you are a stubborn people.

# Why then?

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other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you,  
for you were the fewest of all peoples,

but it is **because the LORD loves you**

and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers...



# Why?

Titus 3:5

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds  
which we have done in righteousness,  
but **according to His mercy...**

# Why us?

## Ephesians 1:4-5

...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

## In love

He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus  
Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

# Why us?

Colossians 3:12

And so, as those who have been chosen of God,

holy and **beloved**, put on a heart of compassion...

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God's love by grace alone is  
both humbling and comforting  
to all His people.

A faint, sepia-toned background illustration depicting a group of people in a field. In the foreground, a man in a long coat and hat stands with his back to the viewer, looking towards a group of people in the distance. The scene is set in a hilly, open landscape with some trees and a body of water visible in the far background.

# The LORD formed a people

By His own choice

## **By His promise**

**Deuteronomy 1:11**

May the LORD, the God of your fathers,  
make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you,  
**as he has promised you!**

**Deuteronomy 26:18-19**

And the LORD has declared today that you are a people  
for his treasured possession, **as he has promised you,**  
and that you are to keep all his commandments,  
and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor  
high above all nations that he has made,  
and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God,  
**as he promised.**



### Deuteronomy 29:10-13

You are standing today all of you before the LORD your God...  
so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of the LORD  
your God, which the LORD your God is making with you today,  
that he may establish you today as his people,  
and that he may be your God, **as he promised you**,  
and as he swore to your fathers,  
to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Israel existed because God made  
a promise and kept it!

# What about us?

**Acts 2:39**

For the promise is for you and your children,  
and for all who are far off,  
as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.

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and for all who are far off,  
as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.

**Galatians 3:29**

And if you belong to Christ,  
then you are Abraham's offspring,  
heirs **according to promise.**



Like Israel, the Church exists because  
God made a promise and kept it!

# The LORD formed a people

By His own choice

By His promise

**By His word**

**Deuteronomy 1:1**

These are **the words** that Moses spoke to all Israel...

**Deuteronomy 1:18**

And I commanded you at that time **all the things  
that you should do.**

**Deuteronomy 4:10 and 13**

Gather the people to me, that I may **let them hear my words**, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.



Covenants and laws form  
peoples as **A People.**

*“We the People of the United States,  
in Order to form a more perfect Union...  
do ordain and establish this Constitution...”*

# **This was true of Israel.**

**Deuteronomy 4:10 and 13**

Gather the people to me,  
that I may let them hear my words,

**So He declared to you His covenant**  
which He commanded you to perform,  
that is, ***the Ten Words***;

# What about us?

**James 1:18**

In the exercise of His will He brought us forth  
**by the word of truth**, so that we might be, as it were,  
the first fruits among His creatures.

**Romans 10:17**

So faith comes from hearing,  
and hearing **by the word of Christ**.

**John 17:17**

Sanctify them in the truth;  
**Your word is truth.**

We are formed as a people by  
the Word, and we are being  
formed by His words.



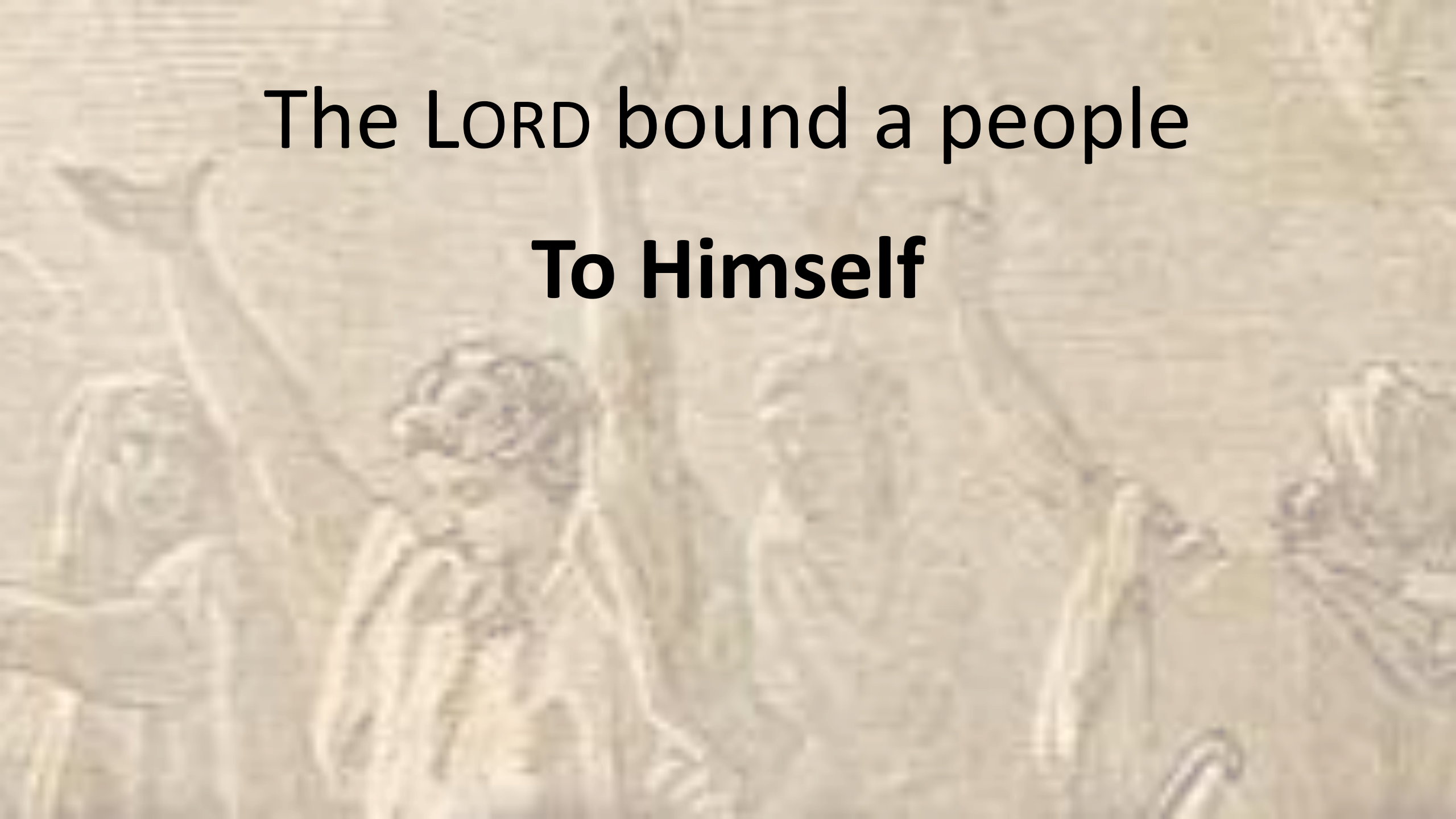
# The Making of a People

The LORD formed a people.

The LORD *bound* a people.



The LORD bound a people  
**To Himself**



# He bound Himself by oath.

## Deuteronomy 1:8

See, I have set the land before you.

Go in and take possession of the land that **the LORD swore**

**to your fathers**, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,  
to give to them and to their offspring after them.

# He bound Himself by oath.

Deuteronomy 7:8

...it is because **the LORD** loves you  
and **is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers,**  
that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

# He bound them to Himself.

Deuteronomy 4:13

So He declared to you His covenant

**which He commanded you to perform,**  
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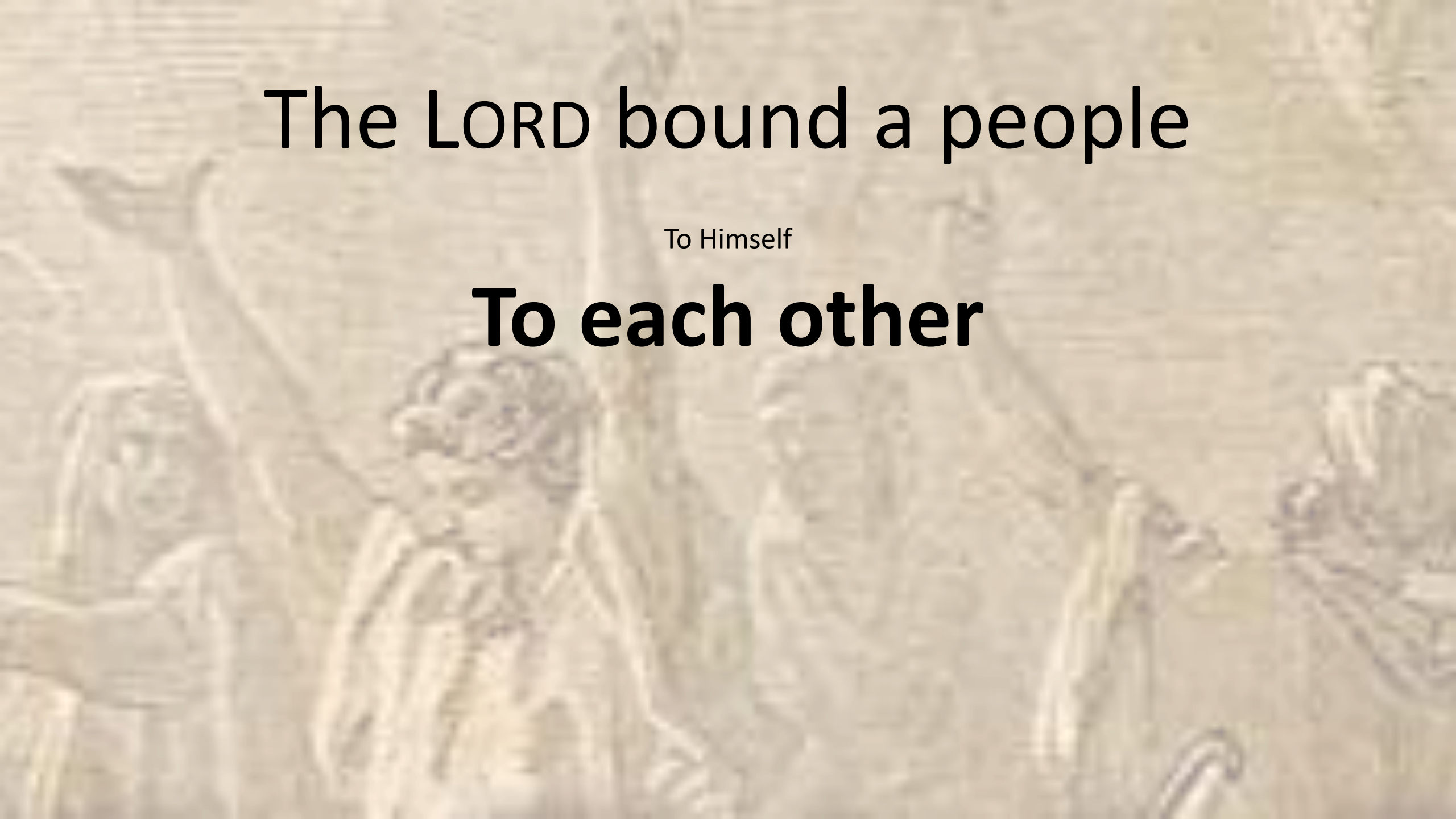


Moses reminds the people that  
the LORD is “Your God” more than  
**280 times!**



**Deuteronomy 13:4**

You shall walk after the LORD your God  
and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice,  
and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.



The LORD bound a people

To Himself

**To each other**

## Deuteronomy 1:16

And I charged your judges at that time, “Hear the cases between **your brothers**, and judge righteously between a man and **his brother** or the alien who is with him.”

Moses refers to them as “brothers” more than **50 times**, reminding them that they were bound in relationship to one another!

This bond clearly meant that they had responsibilities and duties to one another.



**Deuteronomy 15:7-8**

If among you, one of **your brothers** should become poor...  
you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand  
against **your poor brother**....

**Deuteronomy 15:11**

Therefore I command you, “You shall open wide your hand to  
**your brother**, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.”

# Are we a bound people?

The New Testament speaks of God as  
“**our** God” more than 25 times and refers  
to “**our** Lord” more than 70 times!

The Spirit reminds us of our union  
with Christ more than **150 times!**

# **Are we a bound people?**

The NT refers to us as brother or sister  
more than **350 times!**

This bond clearly means that we  
also have responsibilities and  
duties to one another!

**1 Peter 1:22-23**

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified  
your souls for a sincere love of the brethren,  
fervently love one another from the heart...



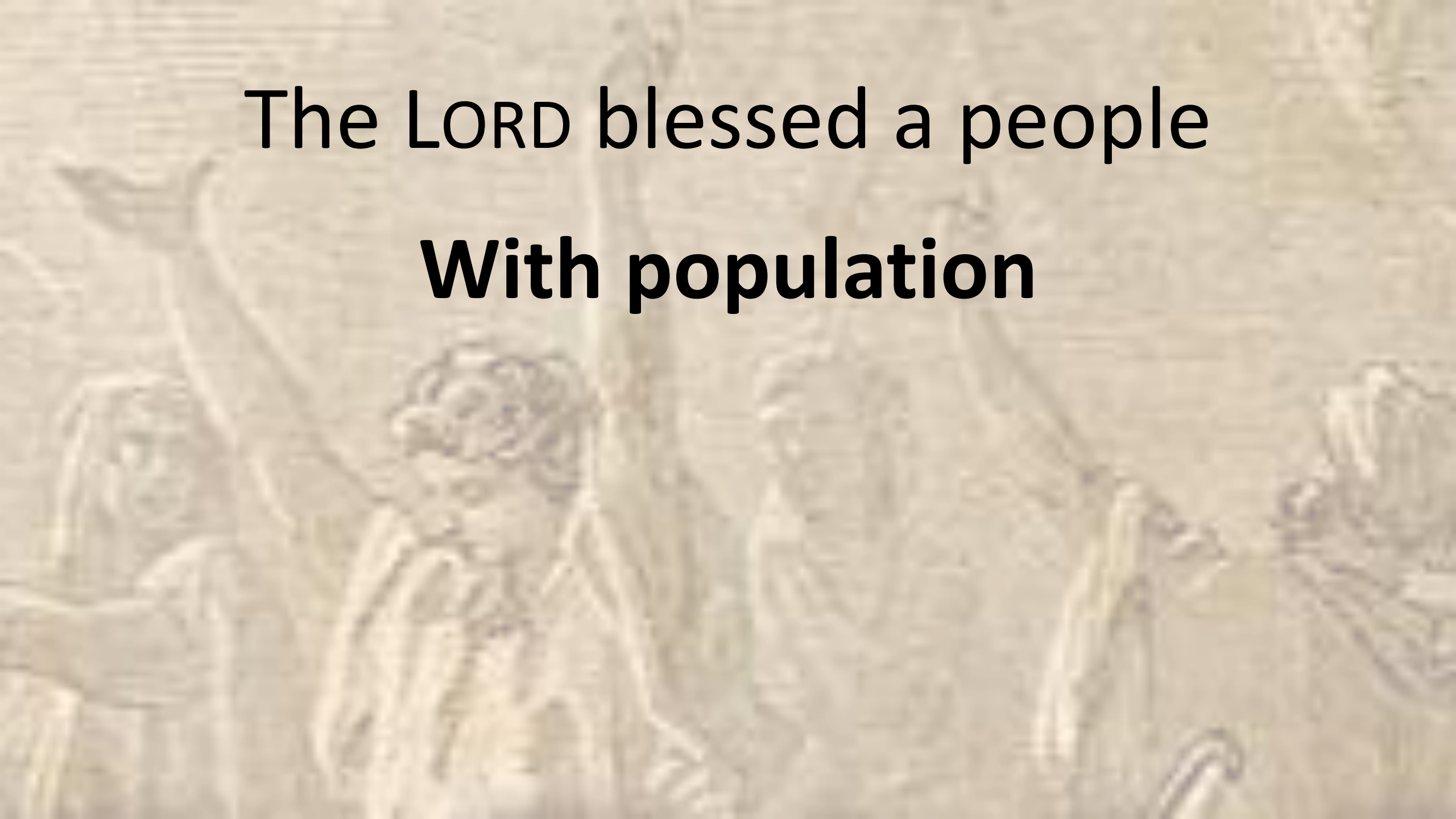
# The Making of a People

The LORD formed a people.

The LORD bound a people.

The LORD *blessed* a people.

The LORD blessed a people  
**With population**



**Deuteronomy 1:10**

The LORD your God has **multiplied you**, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven.

**Deuteronomy 10:22**

Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, and now the LORD your God has **made you as numerous** as the stars of heaven.

# What about us?

**Acts 2:47**

And **the Lord was adding** to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**1 Corinthians 3:7**

So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but **God who causes the growth.**

**God is populating His kingdom  
by our labors.**



A faint, sepia-toned background illustration depicting a group of people in a field. In the foreground, a man in a long coat and hat is walking towards the left, looking back over his shoulder. To his right, a woman in a long dress is walking. In the background, other figures are visible, some standing and some sitting, in a hilly landscape.

# The LORD blessed a people

With population

## **With provisions**

# Provision of a Place

**Deuteronomy 1:8**

**See, I have set the land before you.**

Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.

**Deuteronomy 1:21**

See, the LORD your **God has placed the land before you;** go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

# Provision of Resources

## Deuteronomy 6:10-11

Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers...to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be satisfied...

# **What about us?**

## **A Place**

**John 14:2**

In My Father's house are many dwelling places;  
if it were not so, I would have told you;  
for I go to prepare a place for you.



# What about us?

## Resources

### Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing**  
in the heavenly places in Christ...

### 2 Peter 1:3

...His divine power **has granted to us everything**  
**pertaining to life and godliness**, through the true knowledge  
of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

The background of the slide is a faded, sepia-toned image of a stone relief carving. It depicts a group of people in a landscape. On the left, a figure stands with arms raised. In the center, a group of people are gathered, some appearing to be in a state of distress or being helped. On the right, another figure is visible, possibly a deity or a person of authority, standing and looking towards the group. The carving is weathered and has a textured appearance.

# The LORD blessed a people

With population

With provisions

## **With protections**

# The protection of leaders

## Deuteronomy 1:15-17

So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men,  
and set them as heads over you...

And I charged your judges at that time,  
“Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously  
between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him.  
You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small  
and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone,  
for the judgment is God’s.

# **The protection of commands and warnings**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-16**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.



# **The protection of His presence**

**Deuteronomy 20:4**

...for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you,  
to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

# **What about us?**

## **The Protection of Leaders**

**“Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account.”  
(Hebrews 13:17)**

# What about us?

## The Protection of Commands and Warnings

For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.  
**(Hebrews 10:26-27)**

# **What about us?**

## **The Protection of His Presence**

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper,  
that He may be with you forever.

**(John 14:16)**



# Concluding Questions:

Are you counting on anything in yourself  
for your salvation or on grace alone?

Do you see yourself as bound to God  
**and** to your church?

Do you believe that Christ has already  
blessed you with all you need?