

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Behold Our God

### CHILDREN'S TALK

### CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you  
And against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve you  
In newness of life

To the glory of your name. Amen.  
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**NOTICES** (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

### INTERVIEW

**RESPONSES:** Deuteronomy 7:6-8

**SONG:** The Church's One Foundation

**SONG:** Holy Spirit

**READING:** Deuteronomy 7:1-16 (pg. 151)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen

**SONG:** Praise to the Lord the Almighty

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

### Connect with us

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**Grace Groups** – all are welcome as we meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship:

**Tuesdays, 7.45pm:** Canada Water Library and The Chantry, Mottingham

**Wednesdays, 7.45pm:** Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich

Other times also available.

### Vision Evening

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7:45pm,  
Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich.

### Weekend Away

We'd love you to join us from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April at Ashburnham Place in Sussex. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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*Next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb: Deuteronomy 7:17-10:11*

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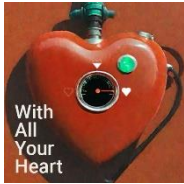
# Welcome!

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*“He chose us in him  
before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before him.”*

*Ephesians 1:4 (ESV)*

# Deuteronomy 7:1-16



<sup>1</sup> “When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, <sup>2</sup> and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. <sup>3</sup> You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, <sup>4</sup> for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. <sup>5</sup> But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.

<sup>6</sup> “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. <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> but 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. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who **keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him** and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup> and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup> You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

<sup>12</sup> “And **because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.** <sup>13</sup> **He will love you, bless you, and multiply you.** He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>14</sup> You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. <sup>15</sup> And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. <sup>16</sup> And you shall consume all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

Expository preaching: the nice bits *and* the difficult bits. All of the bits. The whole story on God’s terms.

- 1) God didn’t love and choose us **because** we were anything special (vv6-8)
  - **He loved us because ... he loved us! (v8; see also Ephesians 1:4)**
  - And rescue came before commandments.
  
- 2) God did love us and choose us **so that** we would be something special (vv9-15)
  - **He loves us because ... we love him (v9, v12; see also John 14:23-24)**
  - Rescued people keep his commandments (otherwise expect judgment).

God’s love → God’s rescue → Our love and obedience → God’s love

- 3) Holiness means separation from the world around us (vv1-5, v16)

## COFFEE QUESTIONS:

**How has today’s passage made you think differently about God’s love? How are you comforted by the fact he loved us *before* anything we had done? How are you challenged to know that he loves us *after* we obey him?**

**How might you be in danger of conforming to the world around us? How does God’s love motivate us to be radically different?**