

Sample Responses for Deuteronomy 9–10 | Lacey Moody and Mary Hannah

Structure

From Lacey:

- I. **Recall-** the might and power of the Lord as He leads them into Canaan and defeats the Anakim (9:1–3)
- II. **Reason-** not because of the Israelites righteousness, but because of evil of these nations and to fulfill His promises (9:4–6)
- III. **Recounting-** of the golden calf/God’s wrath at Horeb (9:7–24)
- IV. **Remember-** Plea to the Lord to remember His people and promises (9:25–29)
- V. **Rewriting-** of the Ten Commandments (10:1–11)
- VI. **Reminders-** Final exhortation (10:12–22) reminders

From Mary:

“Hear, O Israel!” (3rd major movement in Deut 5–11)

9:1–3 Specific Exhortation, Specific Promise: Dispossess the mightier Canaanites by trusting the LORD who goes before you as a consuming fire.

9:4–6 Beware of Self-Righteousness: Don’t imagine the LORD is giving you Canaan because you are righteous, since it’s because of the nations’ wickedness and you are a stubborn people!

9:7–10:11 Proof of Your “Salvation by Grace Alone” (and Not Your Righteousness):

9:8–29 Along with repeatedly rebelling against the LORD in the wilderness, you even transgressed Horeb’s covenant *while Moses was interceding gruelingly for you on the mountain!*

10:1–11 In response to Moses’s pleading, the LORD rewrote the Ten Commandments to renew the covenant (*restored relationship*), gave you mediating priests so he would remain in your midst (*restored presence*), and reissued his charge that you take possession of the promised land (*restored possession*).

10:12–22 Expansive Exhortation to Respond to the LORD’s Merciful Election/Salvation by Walking in His Ways: “Circumcise your heart and be no longer stubborn!”

(The exhortation that begins in Deut 10:12 continues through Deut 11)

Unifying-Theme Sentence

From Lacey: The Israelites exhibited total failure in keeping the Lord’s commands, yet the Lord in his mercy renewed their covenant, not because of their righteousness but because of the Lord’s faithfulness; and the Israelites would do well to remember this and worship Him alone, walk in His ways and keep His commandments to glorify His mighty name and all the great things He has done for them.

From Mary: Church, because Almighty God has chosen you in love above all peoples for such a blessed salvation—*despite your chronic, death-dealing stubbornness of heart that necessitated excruciating intercession and divine mercy on your behalf*—walk in his ways with a circumcised heart, humbled by his majestic grace to you.

Author’s Aim Sentence

From Lacey: The author aims for the Israelites to remember their failure in keeping the Lord’s commands and his mercy and faithfulness in renewing the covenant, which should lead them to worship Him alone, holding fast to Him and living to serve and glorify Him.

From Mary: As Moses exhorts the Israelites to take possession of Canaan by trusting the LORD’s powerful presence among them, Moses aims to guard the Israelites against future self-righteousness about their possessing Canaan by reminding them of the LORD’s mercy to pardon their deal-breaking transgression at Horeb, which was the only way they were able to resume their journey to Canaan, and Moses aims to exhort the Israelites to respond to the LORD’s merciful preservation of them by walking in his ways, in obedience to his commands.

The Gospel in Deuteronomy, according to Moses

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1. **Promise of Salvation (9:1–3):**

Believer, trust that the Lord your God will destroy his/your enemies to secure your inheritance.

Salvation from Egyptian slavery unto enjoyment of inheritance in Canaan

2. **Potential Pitfall Among the Saved (9:4–6):**

But don't imagine for a moment that God is saving you because of your own righteous.

The pitfall of self-righteousness

3. **Proof of Salvation by Grace Alone (9:7–10:11):**

Do you want proof that God saved you *despite your unrighteousness*? You exhibited your chronic stiff-neckedness when you transgressed Horeb's covenant even while Moses was interceding for you (9:7–29); but through Moses's further intercession, the Lord pardoned you and restored (a) your relationship with him, (b) his presence among you, and (c) your promised possession of Canaan (10:1–11).

Moses's mediatorial work points forward to “salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, on the basis of Christ alone.”

4. **Proper Response to Salvation (10:12–22):**

So, whole-heartedly walk in the LORD's ways with humility, including by trusting he will fulfill his promise of full salvation!

Salvation by Grace Alone

through Faith Alone

in Christ Alone

for God's Glory Alone

The Gospel's Logic

Ephesians 2:1–10 | ¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.