

Chapter 7

Moses continued his speech to the people:

"You are a people consecrated to the Lord your God.
It is you that the Lord our God has chosen
to be his very own people out of all the peoples on the earth.

But know this:
if the Lord set his heart on you and chose you,
it was not because you outnumbered other peoples.
In fact you were the least of all peoples.

It was for love of you
and to keep his promise to our ancestors
that the Lord chose you.

Listen then to these ordinances, be true to them and observe
them, and in return the Lord your God will be true to you.

He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers.
He will bless the fruit of your body and the produce of your
soil, your corn, your wine, your oil, the issue of your cattle,
the young of your flock.

No man or woman among you shall be barren,
no male or female of your beasts infertile.

The Lord will keep all sickness far from you.

Be loyal then to the Lord and have nothing to do
with the religious practices of the people you will conquer."

Dear God, please help us to love you as we should