



My Favorite Thing

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“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” Exodus 19:5-6

Let’s pretend for a moment. A loud bell rings and you have to leave your house right away. You can only grab one or two things. What would you take? Maybe it’s a favorite stuffed animal, a blanket, a book, or a toy you’ve loved for a long time. Those things are special to you—even if they don’t seem special to anyone else. We call those things treasures.

In today’s Bible verses, God is talking to the people of Israel. He had already rescued them from slavery in Egypt and helped them cross the Red Sea. But the people were not perfect. They complained. They worried. They made mistakes. So why did God call them his “treasured possession” and his favorite people? It wasn’t because they were so good. It was because of who God is.

God chose them because he loved them! He is a God of love. The Israelites did nothing to deserve his love. They were sinners who needed forgiveness and grace. He promised that one day a Savior would come from them. God chose them to be his special people. They were a holy nation, not because they were perfect, but because Jesus, the coming Savior, would be perfect for them. God blessed them and led them to the Promised Land.

Here’s the really good news: You are also God’s treasured possession! That means you are very special to him. Sometimes you might feel left out or not good enough. Sometimes you might feel sad about something you did wrong that makes you feel unlovable. But God says, “You are my child. You are my treasure.”

You are God’s favorite—not because you earned it, but because he loves you! He will always be with you here on earth and someday will bring you to live with him in heaven.

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Questions to Consider

- What is one thing you would grab if you had to leave your house quickly? Why is it special to you?
- How does it make you feel to hear that God calls you his treasure?
- The Israelites complained and made mistakes. Why do you think God still loved them?
- When you feel left out, sad, or not special, what can you remember about God's love for you?
- God loves us because of who he is, not because of what we do. What does that tell us about how kind and forgiving God is (his grace)?
- If you are God's treasure, how does that change the way you see yourself? How does that help how you treat other people like they are treasures too?