

No copyright materials are used in this text
The summary and interpretation of the specific chapter and verses
are from the Bible, they are religious text that is in the public
domain.

Free to Copy and Distribute: Spread the Word!

(Peter Lok) 駱沅祺

lokpeter@outlook.com

Daily Rice 2023 October 28

YouTube Prayer Link

Be wary of arrogance and self-righteousness

Deuteronomy 9:5

It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Moses pointed to the arrogance and self-righteousness of the Israelites in Moses' presence with God. They forget what God has done and think that their success is based on their own strength and ability. This passage reminds us to be wary of arrogance and arrogance, and to always remember that everything is by God's grace and provision.

"Beware of arrogance and self-righteousness" is a wise adage that reminds people to be humble and cautious. Arrogance and self-righteousness is an attitude of conceit and reluctance to accept feedback that often leads people to make mistakes or conflict with others. Humility and prudence can help us learn and grow better and build better relationships with others. This view has similar expressions across different cultures and religions, emphasizing the importance of humility and prudence.

The way of humility

Arrogance and self-righteousness are a widespread and persistent problem in human history. Both traits can lead to rupture and conflict, both in personal life, as well as in society and organizations. Therefore, being wary of arrogance and self-righteousness, and actively pursuing humility and prudence, are principles that each of us should strive to practice.

Arrogance is an attitude of overconfidence and overestimation of oneself. It makes people ignore their own weaknesses and shortcomings, making it difficult to accept the advice and help of others. Arrogance leads people to believe that their views and ways are the only right, which can

lead to antagonism and conflict with others. Arrogant people often lack reflection because they are unwilling to admit their mistakes or mistakes. This attitude is detrimental to both personal growth and teamwork.

Self-righteousness is a sentiment of self-centeredness and conceit. Self-righteous people may perceive their needs and desires as superior to others, and they may ignore the feelings and rights of others. This attitude makes it difficult for them to build mutual trust and good interpersonal relationships. Self-righteous people tend to be self-centered rather than caring about the interests of the team as a whole or society. This can lead to estrangement and alienation.

In contrast, humility and prudence are qualities that have a positive impact. Humility is a correct perception of one's own abilities that is neither exaggerated nor underestimated. It enables people to accept their own shortcomings, be willing to learn from others, and be open to feedback. Humble people are better able to collaborate with others because they don't have conflicts due to self-centeredness.

Prudence is a cautious and sensible attitude. It requires people to think carefully before making decisions and actions, considering the various possible consequences. Rather than making hasty decisions, prudent people will assess the situation and weigh the pros and cons to ensure that their actions are beneficial to themselves and others. This helps to avoid mistakes and conflicts.

In our personal lives, being wary of arrogance and self-righteousness can help us build deeper relationships with others, gaining more support and cooperation. At the organizational and societal level, upholding the principles of humility and prudence helps to create a more harmonious and conducive environment for mutual development.

Therefore, being wary of arrogance and self-righteousness, and actively cultivating the qualities of humility and prudence, will contribute to personal growth and social progress. When we are able to acknowledge our own shortcomings, be willing to listen to others, and be cautious in our actions, we can better cope with life's challenges, build a more harmonious society, and make the world a better place.

The Bible contains lessons about arrogance and humility. Here are some relevant Bible passages:

James 4:6 - "But God gives more grace, so it is written, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." "

This passage emphasizes that God gives grace to the humble, but hinders the proud. This is a reminder to be humble and not conceited and arrogant.

Philippians 2:3-4 - "Do not be a party in anything, nor be vain in your greed; As long as the mind is humble, each one sees others better than himself; Each of them is concerned not only with his own interests, but also with the interests of others. "

This passage emphasizes not to be vain, to keep a humble mind, and to care for and value the interests of others rather than just your own.

Matthew 23:12 - "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; He who has low self-esteem will be exalted. "

This passage tells people that those who exalt themselves will eventually be humbled, and those who have low self-esteem will be exalted. This is an emphasis on the value of humility.

These Bible passages provide lessons in Christian doctrine related to arrogance and humility, emphasizing the importance of humility and caring for others, as well as cautioning against arrogant attitudes. These teachings play an important guiding role in the lives of Christians.

We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father,

We humbly stand before you and thank you for this important lesson you have given us Christians, to be wary of arrogance and self-righteousness. We admit that there are times in our lives when we also fall into the trap of arrogance and arrogance, believing that we are right and ignoring your will and the needs of others. We ask for your help to better live the character of humility, love, and caring for others.

Help us to be humble about our abilities and inadequacies each day, knowing that everything comes from you. Please give us the heart of prudence so that we consider the needs of others and the well-being of the community as a whole in our decisions and actions. Let's learn to let go of arrogance and be willing to learn from others and accept guidance and feedback.

Lord, give us the humility to love and care for others not just for our own good. In our daily lives, help us to be gentle and compassionate people who are willing to reach out and share your love and grace. Help us be people who encourage and inspire others, not provoke or hurt them.

Lord, we know that we cannot accomplish all of this alone, so we ask your Holy Spirit to give us the strength and wisdom to follow your teachings. In every moment, every day, guides us on the path of humility and love.

We thank you for your love and grace, and may your will be done in our lives. All this we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 9

De. 9:1 Hear, O Israel. You are now about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and stronger than you, with large cities that have walls up to the sky.

De. 9:2 The people are strong and tall — Anakites! You know about them and have heard it said: "Who can stand up against the

Anakites?"

De. 9:3 But be assured today that the LORD your God is the one who goes across ahead of you like a devouring fire. He will destroy them; he will subdue them before you. And you will drive them out and annihilate them quickly, as the LORD has promised you.

De. 9:4 After the LORD your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, “The LORD has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.” No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is going to drive them out before you.

De. 9:5 It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

De. 9:6 Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.

De. 9:7 Remember this and never forget how you provoked the

LORD your God to anger in the desert. From the day you left Egypt until you arrived here, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

De. 9:8 At Horeb you aroused the LORD’s wrath so that he was angry enough to destroy you.

De. 9:9 When I went up on the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the LORD had made with you, I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water.

De. 9:10 The LORD gave me two stone tablets inscribed by the finger of God. On them were all the commandments the LORD proclaimed to you on the mountain out of the fire, on the day of the assembly.

De. 9:11 At the end of the forty days and forty nights, the LORD gave me the two stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant.

De. 9:12 Then the LORD told me, “Go down from here at once, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have become corrupt. They have turned away quickly from what I commanded them and have made a cast idol for themselves.” De. 9:13 And the LORD said to me, “I have seen this people, and they are a stiff-necked people indeed!

De. 9:14 Let me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make you into a nation stronger and more numerous than they.”

De. 9:15 So I turned and went down from the mountain while it was ablaze with fire. And the two tablets of the covenant were in my hands.

De. 9:16 When I looked, I saw that you had sinned against the LORD your God; you had made for yourselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way that the LORD had commanded you.

De. 9:17 So I took the two tablets and threw them out of my hands, breaking them to pieces before your eyes.

De. 9:18 Then once again I fell prostrate before the LORD for forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water, because of all the sin you had committed, doing what was evil in the LORD's sight and so provoking him to anger.

De. 9:19 I feared the anger and wrath of the LORD, for he was angry enough with you to destroy you. But again the LORD listened to me.

De. 9:20 And the LORD was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him, but at that time I prayed for Aaron too.

De. 9:21 Also I took that sinful thing of yours, the calf you had made, and burned it in the fire. Then I crushed it and ground it to powder as fine as dust and threw the dust into a stream that flowed down the mountain.

De. 9:22 You also made the LORD angry at Taberah, at Massah and at Kibroth Hattaavah.

De. 9:23 And when the LORD sent you out from Kadesh Barnea, he said, "Go up and take possession of the land I have given you." But you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. You did not trust him or obey him.

De. 9:24 You have been rebellious against the LORD ever since I have known you.

De. 9:25 I lay prostrate before the LORD those forty days and forty nights because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

De. 9:26 I prayed to the LORD and said, "O Sovereign LORD, do not destroy your people, your own inheritance that you redeemed by your great power and brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

De. 9:27 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Overlook the stubbornness of this people, their wickedness and their sin.

De. 9:28 Otherwise, the country from which you brought us will say, 'Because the LORD was not able to take them into the land he had promised them, and because he hated them, he brought them out to put them to death in the desert.'

De. 9:29 But they are your people, your inheritance that you brought out by your great power and your outstretched arm."

Chapter 9 begins with Moses reminding the Israelites that their possession of the land of Canaan is not due to their own righteousness, but rather because of God's promise and faithfulness to their ancestors.

Moses recounts the time when God gave him the tablets of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, and how the Israelites had rebelled against God and made a golden calf to worship instead. Moses reminds the Israelites that he had interceded on their behalf and pleaded with God to spare them, even though they had sinned greatly.

Furthermore, Moses warns the Israelites not to be arrogant or think that they are more righteous than the nations they are displacing, as they are just as sinful and rebellious. He encourages them to remember their past mistakes and to rely on God's grace and mercy. Moses then goes on to recount several other instances in which the Israelites rebelled against God, including the time when they refused to enter the land of Canaan out of fear, and the time when they grumbled and complained in the wilderness.

Overall, Chapter 9 emphasizes the importance of humility and reliance on God's grace and mercy. Moses warns the Israelites not to be arrogant or think that they are more righteous than others, and encourages them to remember their past mistakes. He reminds them that their possession of the land of Canaan is due to God's faithfulness and not their own righteousness.

Here are some key verses from Chapter 9 of the Book of Deuteronomy in the Christian Bible:

1. "Listen, Israel: You are now about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and stronger than you, with large cities that have walls up to the sky." (Deuteronomy 9:1)
2. "Know therefore today that it is the Lord your God who is crossing over before you as a consuming fire; He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you." (Deuteronomy 9:3)
3. "It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (Deuteronomy 9:5)
4. "Remember this and never forget how you aroused the anger of the Lord your God in the wilderness. From the day you left Egypt until you arrived here, you have been rebellious against the Lord." (Deuteronomy 9:7)
5. "When I went up on the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the Lord had made with you, I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water." (Deuteronomy 9:9) These verses speak to the Israelites' impending conquest of the Promised Land, and the importance of remembering that it is God who is going before them and giving them victory. The verses also acknowledge that it is not because of the Israelites' own righteousness that they are being given the land, but because of God's faithfulness to His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The verses then recount the Israelites' rebellion against God during their time in the wilderness, and Moses' own experience receiving the tablets of the covenant on Mount Sinai.

Chapter 9 of the Book of Deuteronomy recounts Moses' reminder to the Israelites of their past disobedience and God's mercy despite their rebelliousness. Here is a reflection on some key themes and lessons from this chapter:

God's Sovereign Choice: Moses emphasizes that it was not because of the righteousness or merit of the Israelites that God chose them as His people, but rather because of His covenant with their ancestors. This reminds us that our standing with God is based on His grace and sovereign choice, not our own efforts or deserving.

The Israelites' Rebellion: Moses recounts the instances of the Israelites' rebellion against God, including the incident of the golden calf and their refusal to enter the Promised Land due to fear. This serves as a reminder of human frailty and the tendency to turn away from God's commands, even after witnessing His miracles and experiencing His faithfulness.

Intercession and God's Mercy: Moses intercedes on behalf of the Israelites, acknowledging their disobedience and appealing to God's mercy and covenant promises. This highlights the role of intercession and God's willingness to extend mercy and forgiveness, even when we have failed Him. It teaches us the importance of seeking God's mercy and grace through prayer and intercession.

God's Faithfulness Despite Rebellion: Despite the Israelites' rebellion, Moses emphasizes God's faithfulness and mercy. He recounts how God did not destroy them but preserved them for the sake of His covenant and reputation. This serves as a reminder that God's faithfulness and love are not dependent on our perfect obedience but on His character and covenantal promises.

Learning from Past Mistakes: Moses admonishes the Israelites to remember their past failures and learn from them. He warns them not to be arrogant or forgetful of their history, lest they repeat their mistakes. This reminds us of the importance of reflecting on our own failures, seeking repentance, and learning from them to grow in faith and obedience.

The Role of Moses as Mediator: Throughout this chapter, Moses acts as a mediator between the Israelites and God, interceding on their behalf. This foreshadows the role of Jesus Christ as the ultimate mediator between God and humanity. It points to the need for a mediator who can bridge the gap between our sinfulness and God's holiness.

In summary, Deuteronomy 9 prompts reflection on the themes of God's sovereign choice, human rebellion, intercession and God's mercy, God's faithfulness despite rebellion, learning from past mistakes, and the role of a mediator. These reflections call us to recognize our dependence on God's mercy and grace, to learn from our past failures, and to approach God through the mediation of Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us and secures our forgiveness and reconciliation with God.