

# The Church - The Apple Of God's Eye

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(Deu 32:9 KJV) For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

(Deu 32:10 KJV) He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

## **Sermon Title: "The Church - Apple of God's Eye"**

**Introduction:** The apple of the eye refers to the pupil of the eye the part of the eye that allows light to enter. It is a phrase that refers to what someone considers the most important and valuable thing in their life. God loving refers to His people as the apple of His eye.

(Zec 2:8 KJV) For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

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### **A. The Lord's Portion Is His People – His Church**

1. The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and all they that dwell therein. Psa. 24:1
2. God is the sovereign owner of the entire universe. Ezk. 18:4 "All souls are mine.."
3. (Psa 50:10 KJV) For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.  
(Psa 50:11 KJV) I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.  
(Psa 50:12 KJV) If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

### **B. God owns it all, and yet his portion, his favorite, his inheritance is HIS PEOPLE – HIS CHURCH.**

1. The church is God's own special and wonderful possession.

**1 Sam. 10:1**, Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

**Deut. 4:20** But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

**C. A King can own the entire Kingdom, and yet have His royal crown lands.**

1. The church is the object of His love
2. (2 Chr 16:9 KJV) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.
3. The purpose of this intense activity is to show himself strong on behalf of his people. The wheels of providence and divine favor are full of eyes and they are looking at the Lord's portion.
4. (Rom 8:28 KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

(Acts 20:28 KJV) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**D. (Zep 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.**

1. The Lord here is represented as laughing with joy and even singing with joy over us. Can you picture the God of the Universe opening His mouth and singing for joy over his people!!
2. When He created the World, He said, "That is good" When He created the sun, moon and stars He said "That is good" BUT WHEN HE RECEIVED US UNTO HIMSELF AS HIS PORTION, HIS SPECIAL PEOPLE, HE SINGS WITH JOY.
3. (**Exo 19:5** Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

**(Exo 19:6 KJ** And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

**1 Pet 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

**(Psa 95:7 KJ** For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

### **E. Things Reserved For His special people Deut. 28:1-13**

(Deu 28:2 KJV) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

(Deu 28:3 KJV) Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

(Deu 28:4 KJV) Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

(Deu 28:5 KJV) Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

(Deu 28:6 KJV) Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

(Deu 28:7 KJV) The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

(Deu 28:8 KJV) The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(Deu 28:11 KJV) And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

(Deu 28:12 KJV) The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

(Deu 28:13 KJV) And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: