

## **O wretched man that I am**

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"Therefore understand that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people." Deuteronomy - 9:6

"O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God - through Jesus Christ our Lord!" - Romans 7:24-25

If God were to give each one of us based on our righteousness, we all would face sure condemnation and damnation by hell. But God in His mercy has offered us His grace and He has provided a path of escape from the coming judgment. The Israelites enjoyed the bounty of the promised land due to God's mercy and not because of their righteousness. Similarly, we have been provided the gift of salvation not because we deserved it but because of His love and mercy through Jesus Christ for His chosen ones. Praise the Lord!