



That He Might Humble You

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

He Tests Us for a Purpose

1 The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, **that you may live** and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, **testing** you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

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- **A command with promise - “that you may live”**
 - “for now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord” **(1 Thess. 3:8)**
- **Based on a promise – “that the Lord swore to give to your fathers”**
 - Not based upon worthiness or earned by works
- **Recall all that God has brought us through**
- **To humble us - **not** to beat us down, but to teach us dependence**
 - “God opposes the proud but gives **grace** to the humble” **(James 4:6)**
- **To test us – to prove, refine, strengthen, and purify us**
 - “you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness” **(James 1:3)**

He Teaches Us to Trust Him

3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might **make you know** that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. 6 So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

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- He will “let us hunger” - then supply what we need
- What we need most is His life-giving word:
 - *“Incline your ear, and come to me; **hear**, that your soul may live” (Isa. 55:3)*
 - *“The **words** that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” (John 6:63)*
 - *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the **words** of eternal life” (John 6:68)*
- God disciplines and provides for His children as a loving father
- His children respond with trusting obedience
 - *“testing you to **know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep his commandments or not” (vs. 2)*
 - God’s commandments are a heart check

He Focuses Us on the Reward

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

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- **The Lord is bringing us...**
 - Be careful we never think otherwise **(Deut. 9:4)**
- **Look forward to the “good land He has given you”**
 - Our reward is a gift by His grace
 - *“For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the **promise** is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on **grace** and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham”*
(Rom. 4:14-16)
- **We will be satisfied (Rev. 22:1-5)**

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