

# Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



## Deuteronomy Part 9

2.15.2023

## Chapter 8

What are the blessing of obedience? (1)

What was God's purpose in making Israelites wander in wilderness? (2-3)

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1. What are the blessings  
of obedience? (1)

## Blessings of Obedience

All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers (1)

- Live
- Multiply
- Possess the Promised Land

## 2. What was God's purpose in making Israelites wander in wilderness? (2-3)

God has a purpose in everything!

and “all things work together for our good” (Romans 8:28)

## God's purpose in wandering (2-3)

And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or not (2)

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. (3)

# God's four- fold purpose in making Israelites wander

**To teach** humility (dependence on God)

God resisteth the proud, but gives grace to humble (James 4:6)

**To test** them (through hunger, thirst, hardship)

How do we respond to God's tests?

Thou has tried us as silver is tried (Psalms 66:10)

**To discover** the true condition of their hearts (which is reflected in the quality of obedience and faith)

Search me, O God, and know my heart (Psalms 139:23)

**To discern** the value of bread versus Word (physical versus spiritual needs), waiting on God versus taking Satan's offer (verse 3 used by Jesus, Mathew 4:4)

*Do you feel like you are wandering in the wilderness with no purpose or ending?*

**Be Patient and Trust in God ...  
God has a plan!**

### 3. How is God's love expressed?(4-5)



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## Experience God's Love through His Provision

- Clothing, health, food

## Experience God's Love through His Chastening

- Chastening - Measured correction on rebellious children
- Chastening *designed to restore* broken relationship
- **Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

4. What is the outcome of obedience? (6-9)

Obedience  
opens the  
door to a  
Blessed Land  
(6-9)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore **thou shalt keep the commandments** of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. <sup>7</sup> For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

<sup>8</sup> A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; <sup>9</sup> A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, **thou shalt not lack any thing** in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

# Obedience leads to Prosperity & fulfillment

Obedience leads to a Blessed land ... a land that is fertile and yields in abundance. **Thou shalt not lack anything**

**We also will lack nothing, if we obey God fully**

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (**Psalms 37:25**)

**Obedience opens the doors of heaven** ... Mathew 3:16 (Jesus, baptism)  
Acts 7:56 (Stephen, before being martyred) Revelation 4:1 (John, island of Patmos alone) Malachi 3:10 (Tithes & offering)

**5. What are 2 dangers  
of abundance? (10-18)**

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**Danger #1 of abundance:** Forgetfulness

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## Blessings should lead to Praise (10)

## Blessings should not lead to Forgetfulness (11)

- We should not forget the good times
- We should not forget the source of our blessings
- We should also not forget the trials that Lord took us through



## Danger #2 of Abundant Blessings:

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<sup>12</sup> Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; <sup>13</sup> And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

<sup>14</sup> Then **thine heart be lifted up**, and **thou forget the Lord thy God**, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

<sup>15</sup> Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; <sup>16</sup> Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

<sup>17</sup> And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. <sup>18</sup> But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for **it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth**, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Forget Not!  
Boast Not!

Give glory to  
God!

Many immigrants have forgotten their roots and their God who provided for them and elevated them!

### Prosperity can lead to Pride

lead them, fed them, multiplied them, prospered them

Prosperity can lead to forgetting God (no longer dependent on Him)

**Don't forget** ... It was not you (17) but rather God (18) who made it possible for you to succeed and be prosperous.

“Every good and perfect gift comes from God above” (James 1:17)

6. What is the  
consequence of  
forgetting? (19-20)

# Warning: Don't forget, lest you perish!

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## Israelites repeatedly warned against disobedience & idolatry

Consequence: Destruction ... they shall perish!

Despite repeated warning and teachings, Israelites forgot and disobeyed and were unable to enjoy the full blessings of the Promised land for ever ... we are no different!

## WARNING

We have been repeatedly warned also in the NT!

Are we paying attention to the **warning** lights?

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There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death (**Proverbs 16:25**)

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Wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:23**)

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Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (**Galatians 6:7-8**)

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For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins (26) ... **it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (31) (Hebrews 10:26-31)**

Let us Remember (2,18)  
and Forget not (11,14,18)



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