

Tough Times Teaching: God's Loving Lessons through Pain (#2)
Deuteronomy 8:1-20

<p>¹ "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers.</p>
<p>1. <u>God Expects Us To Do What He Tells Us</u> 2. <u>God Commands Us For Our Benefit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Live • To Multiply • To Go In and Possess the Land of Promise
<p>² "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you <i>and</i> test you, to know what <i>was</i> in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.</p>
<p>3. <u>God Expects Us To Remember His Past Presence</u> 4. <u>God Is Present Even In Times of His Chastening</u> 5. <u>God Is Not In a Hurry When He Chastens Us</u> 6. <u>God's Chastening Is Always With One or More Purposes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn't Always Tell Us, But Here It Is Explained – Know It! • To Humble • To Test <p>7. <u>God Will Chasten Us to Test Our Obedience (a Heart Issue)</u></p>
<p>³ "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every <i>word</i> that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.</p>
<p>8. <u>God Will Chasten Us To Humble Us (Reveal Our Dependence?)</u> 9. <u>God Chastens Us With Deprivation & Difficulty</u> 10. <u>God Sometimes Allows a Problem So That He Can Be the Obvious Solution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We depend on and trust things • He may need to take those things away • God Invited them to the desert for dessert <p>11. <u>God Has a Lesson For Every Problem or Pain</u> 12. <u>God Teaches Us To Trust His Word, Not Our Eyes (Checkbook, etc.)</u></p>
<p>⁴ "Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.</p>
<p>13. <u>God Provides Faithfully In Chastening</u></p>
<p>⁵ "You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.</p>
<p>14. <u>God Chastens Because He Cares About You As a Father</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • just the opposite of our perspective • "if I am following God, why...?"
<p>⁶ "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.</p>
<p>15. <u>God Has Specific Habits (Disciplines) He Is Trying To Form In You</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the commandments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To Walk in His Ways (actions) - To Fear Him (informed attitude)

<p>⁷ "For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; ⁸ "a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹ "a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones <i>are</i> iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.</p>
<p>16. <u>God Wants You To Enjoy His Blessings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gen 1:27-28 • Psalm 1 :1-6 • Matt 5:1-12 • Curses and Blessings of God to the Israelites
<p>¹⁰ "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.</p>
<p>17. <u>God Wants and Deserves Credit For Your Successes</u></p>
<p>¹¹ " Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹² "lest -- <i>when</i> you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell <i>in them</i>; ¹³ "and <i>when</i> your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴ "when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵ "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, <i>in which were</i> fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶ "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end --¹⁷ "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'</p>
<p>18. <u>God Knows That It Takes Maturity & Vigilance to Handle Success (fullness, ease, peace, wealth, health, pride)</u></p>
<p>19. <u>God Knows That Our Hearts Tend to Factor Him Out</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To forget God • To forget God's work • To forget God's deliverance • To forget God's provision • To forget God's active teaching out of love • To forget God's enablement
<p>¹⁸ "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for <i>it is</i> He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as <i>it is</i> this day.</p>
<p>20. <u>God Wants Us To Remember Him as Our Source</u></p>
<p>¹⁹ "Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.</p>
<p>21. <u>God's Discipline Is Never Over – He'll Resume It As Needed</u></p>
<p>¹⁶ "...to do you good in the end"</p>
<p>22. <u>Remember God's Intent for His People</u></p>

