

“That He Swore To Your Fathers”
Practical Expressions Of God’s Covenantal Love
Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 20
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God’s Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Testing To Prove Genuineness, (vs. 1 – 20)

- God’s Testing Serves To Confirm His Covenantal Promises To Those Who Love Him, (vs. 11 – 20)

5. God’s children must guard against exchanging God’s wisdom for their own, (vs. 16)

16.1) We Must Accept God’s Wisdom Of Method

“Fed (ψωμίζω psōmízō; Act.Part) You Manna -

“If I give away (ψωμίζω psōmízō) all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:3, ESV)

- **Do I Accept God’s Wisdom Rightly Understood?**

Fathers Did Not Know (Perf.Act)”-

“Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.” (John 6:32–36, ESV)

16.2) We Must Accept God’s Wisdom Of Purpose

“He Might Humble & Test You”-

¹⁾ “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ²⁾ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ³⁾ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:16–18, ESV)

16.3) We Must Accept God’s Wisdom Of Result

“Do You Good In The End”-

¹⁾ “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ²⁾ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ³⁾ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ⁴⁾ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ⁵⁾ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.” (James 1:12–18, ESV)

¹⁾ “It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁾ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ³⁾ Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust— there may yet be hope; ⁴⁾ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. ⁵⁾ For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love...” (Lamentations 3:26–33, ESV)

- 1) There are seasons of waiting patiently.
- 2) There are seasons of strength that are given for testing.
- 3) There are seasons of isolation without complaint.
- 4) There are seasons of intense opposition and affliction.
- 5) These are only for a season; God is merciful to save.

How have you substituted your own wisdom for what God has purposed?

6. God's children must guard against stealing God's glory and making it theirs, (vs. 17 - 18)
7. God's children must guard against worshiping themselves instead of worshiping God, (vs. 19)
8. God's children must guard against disobeying God as those who do not know God do, (vs. 20)