

**“That He Swore To Your Fathers”**  
*Practical Expressions Of God’s Covenantal Love*  
**Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 20**  
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*“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.” (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)*

**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)

**3. God’s children must guard against boasting in their own success, (vs. 13 – 14)**

**13.1) God’s Provision Is Abundance Of Fellowship**

**“All You Have Is Multiplied (Impf)”-**

*“And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:15–21, ESV)*

- **13a) “Flocks”-** Increase of influence; *“There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.” (Job 1:1–5, ESV)*
- **13b) “Silver & Gold”-** Increase of wealth; *“Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather! “And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you. Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool! I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for it is you who have done it. Remove your stroke from me; I am spent by the hostility of your hand. When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath! Selah” (Psalm 39:6–11, ESV)*

**14a.2) Take Caution That Your Abundance Doesn’t Hinder Your Fellowship**

**“Heart Be Lifted (Perf) Up”-**

*“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” (1 John 2:15–17, ESV)*

**14b.3) It Was God’s Good Pleasure That Gave Abundance**

**“Forget (Perf) The Lord Who Brought (Part) You Out”-**

*“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1–4, ESV)*

*1) “I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, 2) that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, 3) that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. 4) For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?” (1 Corinthians 4:6–7, ESV)*

- 1) The precepts of God’s word must be seen in those who are mature.
- 2) The precepts of God must not be added to or diminished in any way.
- 3) The result of adding is haughtiness and arrogance.
- 4) The reality is that all you have is a gift from God; even salvation.

**How have you allowed your success to take you away from the fellowship of God’s presence?**

4. God's children must guard against rewriting the past to highlight their own progress, (vs. 15)
5. God's children must guard against claiming God's wisdom as their own, (vs. 16)
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)