

“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)

8. God’s children must guard against disbelieving God as those who do not know God do, (vs. 20)

20.1) God Has Ordained The Destruction Of Some As An Example

“The Nations The Lord Makes

Perish (Pres.Act.Part)” - *“For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory – even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?” (Romans 9:17–24, ESV)*

20.2) Birth Is Of No Value; Obedience Is The Key To Life

“You Shall Perish (Impf), Not Obey (Impf) Voice”-

“yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ... For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:16–20, ESV)

1) “He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. 2) And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. 3) When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. 4) And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, 5) and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, 6) for it still awaits the appointed time.” (Daniel 11:32–35, ESV)

- 1) Many who do not know God are seduced & deceived, but God’s people will fight against this deception.
- 2) God will raise up those to teach the Gospel to others, though with great difficulty.
- 3) God promises to be the ever present help in times of need.
- 4) The world will attempt to seduce God’s people with flattery.
- 5) Some of God’s people will stumble because of worldly attentions, but conviction will refine them.
- 6) All this is according to God’s divine purpose and decrees.

How has your disbelief of what God has said led you into ungodly behavior?