

**“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)

**7. God's children must guard against worshiping themselves, (vs. 19)**

**19.1) Forgetting The Sovereignty Of God Is The Fatal Error**

**“Forget The Lord Your God”-**

*“Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” (Jeremiah 2:11-13, ESV)*

**19.2) The Ensuing Idolatry Of Self Is A Capital Offense**

**“Go After Other gods, Serve & Worship Them”-**

*“Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God. For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.” (Joshua 23:11-13, ESV)*

**19.3) Don't Be Surprised By Divine Judgment Being A Sure Thing**

**“Warn You - You Shall Surely Perish”-**

*“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.” (Hebrews 2:1-4, ESV)*

**1) “Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 2) But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 3) the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 4) And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating.” (Luke 12:43-47, ESV)**

- 1) Unforced obedience is the greatest form of worship.
- 2) Prideful rebellion really is the worship of one's self.
- 3) We cannot focus on God and ourselves at the same time.
- 4) Judgment is the result of self worship.

**In what ways are you guilty of worshiping yourself?**

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