

"Testing You To Know"
Practical Expressions of Genuineness
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 Disciplines His Children With Seasons Of Abundance To Teach Stewardship, (vs. 5 - 10)

3. We must trust that God is the One who will preserve to the end what He has promised, (vs. 7)

7.1) God's Purpose Is To Prosper His People

"Bringing (Part) Into A Good Land"-

¹⁾ *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ²⁾ Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ³⁾ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, ⁴⁾ and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile." (Jeremiah 29:11-14, ESV)*

7.2) God's Prosperity Is The Abundance Of His Nature

"Land of Brooks of Water"-

"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 2:13, ESV)

7.3) The Abundance Of God's Nature Is The Indwelling Spirit

"Fountains and Springs"-

¹⁾ *"Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ²⁾ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁾ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:37-39, ESV)*

7.4) The Indwelling Spirit Is The Promise Of Inheritance

"Flowing (Part) Out In The Valleys and Hills"-

¹⁾ *"In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ²⁾ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:11-14, ESV)*

¹⁾ *"Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ²⁾ ... Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. ³⁾ The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:10-15, ESV)*

- 1) The revelation of God's Spirit brings a new understanding of the Gospel.
- 2) The fountainhead of the Gospel transcends earthly need.
- 3) The indwelling Spirit overflows the material bounds of the believer.

How are you doubting the goodness and promise of God to care for you?

4. We must accept the goodness of God as His provision leading to faithfulness unto His instruction, (vs. 8)
 5. We must undertake the responsibility to complete the work God has set before us, (vs. 9)
 6. We must continually declare God's goodness unto His people before the world, (vs. 10)
- God's Testing Serves To Confirm His Covenantal Promises To Those Who Love Him, (vs. 11 - 20)
 1. God's children must guard against forgetting what God has taught them, (vs. 11)
 2. God's children must guard against trusting in their own accomplishments, (vs. 12)
 3. God's children must guard against boasting in their own success, (vs. 13 - 14)
 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)