

"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)

2. God's children must guard against trusting in their own accomplishments, (vs. 12)

12.1) Satisfaction Dulls Our Senses Toward God's Leading

"Lest, You Have Eaten (Impf) & Full (Perf)"-

"It was I who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought; but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot me." (Hosea 13:5-6, ESV)

12.2) Accomplishment Distracts Our Attention From God's Purposes

"Lest, You Have Built (Impf) Good Houses"-

"So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 2:9-11, ESV)

12.3) Heritage Is The True Measure Of God Centeredness

"Lest, You Live (Perf)"-

"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:35-38, ESV)

1) "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 2) Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed." (Luke 17:26-30, ESV)

- 1) Many will place their hope in the future they build.
- 2) Many will base their assurance on the work they accomplish.

How have you trusted the work of your own hands instead of trusting God's purposes?

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)