

“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)

6. God’s children must guard against stealing God’s glory and making it theirs, (vs. 17 - 18)

17.1) It Is Easy To Think More Of Ourselves Than We Ought

“Beware Lest You Say (Perf) ‘My Power’”-

“At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?” While the words were still in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, “O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.” Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles’ feathers, and his nails were like birds’ claws.” (Daniel 4:29-33, ESV)

18.2) It Is Man’s Fallen Nature To Forget God

“Remember (Perf) The Lord Gives (Act.Part) Power”-

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.” (Psalm 127:1-2, ESV)

18.3) God Shows His Covenant Love Through His Power Bestowed

“That He May Confirm His Covenant”-

“Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.” (Galatians 4:28-31, ESV)

- ¹⁾ *“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ²⁾ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior ³⁾ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁴⁾ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.” (Titus 3:3-8, ESV)*

1) “...And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him. John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. 2) You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ 3) The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. 4) The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease.”” (John 3:25-30, ESV)

- 1) Reality Check: you only have what you have because God has given it to you; including your call.
- 2) We are given what we have to use in service to the Kingdom of Christ.
- 3) The One who truly provides is the Husband.
- 4) The wedding is not about the attendants but the Bride and Groom.

How are you stealing God’s glory and putting yourself in the center of attention?

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)