Deuteronomy's Promised Prosperity (Part 2) Deuteronomy 8

I. II.

- III. How God resources us for prosperity (vv. 7-13)
 - A. God gives us resources, but doesn't do our dominion for us.
 - B. God calls us to recognize opportunities as He sees them and to seize those opportunities
 - 1. Look with optimism (vv. 7-9)
 - 2. Look for what others miss (v. 9)
 - 3. Look for opportunities that best match your God given abilities. (vv. 7-13)
 - a) This presupposes the goodness of division of labor (vv. 7-13)
 - b) This presupposes a free market (where people could sinfully claim to have done it themselves v. 17)
 - c) This presupposes that creative abilities are an important part of dominion prosperity (vv. 17-18)
 - d) But God calls us to remember that He can give the abilities and He can take them away; He can prosper their use and He can curse their use (v. 18)
 - C. God delights in giving compounded growth of our resources over time (vv. 1,13)