

Rules for Eaters

Deuteronomy

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1 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. 2 "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. 4 "Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 "You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. 6 "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 "For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 "a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 "a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. 11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, 12 "lest--when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; 13 "and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 "when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do

you good in the end-- 17 "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' 18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 "Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20 "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

The title of my sermon to you this morning is "Rules for Eaters." If you eat, this sermon is for you. Some of you may be coming to my house today to eat and we're going to have a feast and that's why I can give you rules for eaters out of Scripture.

Our memory verse for this week, Deuteronomy 8:10, gives us the most obvious rule,

10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10. Most of us keep this rule, at least to some extent, when we thank God for our food. Blessing, as meant in Deuteronomy 8:10, and thanking God are close to the same things, that's why this verse is so appropriate for Thanksgiving. Blessing God includes both praising and thanking God, in fact, Deuteronomy 8:10 in the God's Word translation is, "When you have eaten all that you want, thank the Lord your God for the good land he has given you." Now I found that God's Word translation and you might think, "Well, you had to look through a lot of translations to find one that said thanks," and I did because the word is "bless, bless," but it can mean, blessing can mean to give God thanks or to give God praise.

Thanksgiving, I heard this week on the radio, you know, you drive with the radio and I drive and I listen to the radio, and one of the people, I don't know who he was, said Thanksgiving is focused on food, and that's at least partially true because we usually eat at Thanksgiving. What is not true is what I heard somebody else say, also I believe it was on the radio, he said Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday, and nothing could be further from the truth. Thanksgiving, I think, is all about God. The original Thanksgiving in our country, the pilgrims weren't thanking the Indians; they may have thanked the Indians too but they were thanking God for the salvation they had, for the food they had, that they had survived a tough winter. They were thanking God and so we thank God and we bless him and we praise him for our salvation, we thank him for food, for clothing, for his Spirit, for his word, but our first rule for eaters this morning if we go from the very start of Deuteronomy is obey God's law.

"Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers." Verse 6 says, "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him." God feeds us that we might obey him,

that we might live according to his purpose or purposes. What is the chief end of man? It is to glorify God. How do we glorify God? By keeping his commandments, by obeying his word.

So we fulfill our purpose of glorifying God to the degree that we keep his commands. Obedience is life. Verse 1 says, "that you may live." Keep these commandments that you may live. Now some of you will maybe think, "Well, he's saying that in order to be saved you need to keep the commandments." No, no, no, that's not what I'm saying. These people were already saved, they were already taken out of Egypt, they already had their salvation. Now they're living that salvation and this is how they live, by obedience.

God gives us food that we may have energy and strength to obey him. Do you think he gives us food so that we can sin and disobey him, so that we can make ourselves fat for hell? No, he gives us food that we may obey him. This is obviously the same reason why we feed on God's word. Verse 3 it says, "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD." This is what Moses was preaching to the Israelites. Before they went into the Promised Land, before they would have all the food that they would desire, he tells them they need to remember that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

You might have noticed that I had one of our Scripture readings from Matthew 4:3-4 which is when the devil is tempting Jesus, and the first temptation he gives him is that he would make a stone into bread. Well, Jesus could do that but then he would be breaking his fast before he should. And it's interesting when you think the Israelites are 40 years in the wilderness and Jesus took 40 days fasting. He was, I believe he was conscious of that 40 and 40.

God's word, the Bible, is our spiritual food. We need it in order to live in a way that pleases God, and so God gives us food that we might obey him, and he gives us his word that we might obey him. 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17 says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto every good work." And so we have God's word and we have our food that we eat everyday. They're both called food to give us strength to obey God.

Secondly, second rule for eaters: appreciate God's discipline. Verse 5, Deuteronomy 8:5 says, "You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you." And he did for them, he kept them in that wilderness for 40 years. They had days without food, days without water, they had all sorts of trials, and we have trials in our lives as well, and you might ask, "Well, why does God allow difficulties and trials in our lives?" Well, one of the reasons we see right here, we already looked at it, verse 2 of Deuteronomy 8, they humble us to test us and to improve us. "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the

wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not."

The testing here that is talked about is the kind of testing that gold gets when it's put in the fire, and what happens when gold is put in the fire, the gold will melt in the fire but it doesn't melt away. It's still there, it's just in liquid form, but the impurities that are in the gold, like the dirt or whatever else might be in that, they get burned up altogether. So when the gold comes out of the fire, it's more pure, it's more perfect than it was before it went in. And so Job says, Job was a rich man, Job had lots of children, Job was a blessed man, but God took all of that away from him and tried him terribly and in chapter 23, Job says in verse 10, "But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold." Job was seeing the testing of God as a blessing just as he was, all his riches that he had before, they were both to Job's advantage. He would appreciate God's discipline, "When He has tested me, I will come forth as gold. I'll be better for what I'm going through."

To test us is to improve us to make us more like Christ, and one of those ways is that we would be right-hearted. Proverbs 17:3 says, "The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts." He doesn't want us just to outwardly conform, he wants us to be inwardly with him. Our hearts love him, our hearts are trained to hate sin. Our hearts normally love sin, they don't normally love God. God puts us through these trials to change us, to remold us, and then that remolding ultimately it means conformity to Christ's image as we've all considered many times. Dominic even read these verses last week and I'm reading them this week, and they were not texts from either of us but Romans 8:28-29, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." And so here what is the ultimate good that everything is working towards if we love God? It is not that we win the lottery, not that we have the most wonderful spouse, not that we have riches and stuff like that, the ultimate good is that we would be more and more like his Son.

And God allows us to go through trials because they tend to make us humbler, they make us more like Jesus, they refine us like gold, and part of the Israelites' trial was a lack of food but they soon would be coming into the Promised Land and having abundance, and that is another trial. They were tried, and when you go through trials, you pray and you pray and you pray, "God, help me in this circumstance!" But when things start going good, oh, we don't need to pray so much. Well, you do need to pray even in that.

And because God tries us for our good, we should be thankful even for trials. That's why Paul said to the Thessalonians, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." And so if you're going through trials right now, you can thank him and appreciate his discipline. He's using these things to make you more like Jesus.

Third, bless the Lord God for his blessing, his blessing you even with abundance, even with food. Verse 10, my main verse today, "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you." And if you remember my reading this, oh, it was an amazing land. They had olive oil. They had pomegranates. They had meat and vegetables and everything you could imagine to eat and metal to make tools and all sorts of things. They had it all and what Moses had in view here was that Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses wasn't going to go in with them but he preaches to them before they go. It's kind of his goodbye sermon to them. I bet he wished he could go there. In Deuteronomy 6:3 he says, "Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you--'a land flowing with milk and honey.'" Deuteronomy 6:3.

It was that land flowing with milk and honey, with all these good things, and Moses knew it and they all knew it, and we live in such a land. What do you think an Israelite who had walked in the wilderness for 40 years, sometimes days without food, and when they found the food it was in its raw form, wasn't it? There wasn't a grocery store in the wilderness where they had steaks already cut and hot dogs already made and packages of ice cream and things like that. No, it had, all of it was in its raw, you know, rawest form, but today we can go and we can drive down to McDonald's and we don't even have to get out of the car, they just give us the burger and the fries and whatever else we want, or we even have our choice, we can choose a fast food restaurant or we could go to another restaurant, or we can even go home and have food delivered to our house, or the grocery store and we'd have a great choice of food. What would these people think of such a land? "You mean we don't have to walk or ride an animal or kill or cook the meat?" It's quite a thing.

We are blessed with physical food and also we are blessed here with spiritual food. I'm just thinking of one thing, SermonAudio. When I was preparing this sermon at that time, they had 1,861,247 free sermons, and so at any time day or night, 24 hours a day, you can go on to SermonAudio and hear any preacher you want practically. You can have your choice of all these different sermons to hear, and this is just one ministry and it's a worldwide ministry. My sermons are on there. I think I have like 650 of my sermons on there, and when you think of that, this number was, you know, a few days ago, at least, 1,861,000. Actually I put three more sermons myself on there so it's at least over, that last number is over 250, actually it's way more than that because when I was putting a sermon on this morning, I saw that the other ministers were putting on 2 or 3 at one time, and you don't like that when you do that. I don't. It pushes your sermon away. But anyway, I'm just kind of joking. When you think it's probably, you know, that number is way higher than what we have here and that's just one place.

When you look at where we live now, we're on Church Street. There's two churches in this building. There's two churches in a lot of the buildings on this street and there's a lot of churches on this street. We are blessed.

We have had ancestors, forefathers, who loved God. "God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with the light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home." We are in a land that is blessed not just with spiritual things, which we are, but we've been blessed materially.

Fourth, beware of forgetting God. This was the biggest part of this particular chapter 8 of Moses' sermon and it's the biggest part of mine here, at least verses wise. He says, "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today." He's reviewing what he said at the beginning, "lest--when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage." You know, when they were slaves in Egypt they were praying, praying, praying, praying until God finally released them but Moses is worried that when they get into the good life, they won't be praying like they were.

He says, "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents." Remember the serpents? When those serpents started biting the Israelites, what did the Israelites do? Did they go to McDonald's? Did they say, "Hey, let's rest here"? No, they started praying like crazy. And when you have fiery serpents biting you, you pray, "and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water." When you live in a place where there's no water, you pray, "who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good--then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'" And so they went from trusting God to praying God, and this is what actually happened after a while, the people who had it easier, when they were away from the wilderness they did forget God eventually.

He says beware of forgetting God, beware that you forget the Lord your God. 1. By not keeping his commandments, verse 11. Why is this considered unnecessary? Well, because riches make us think that we don't need God, we don't need to pray, we don't need to be on our knees. Ease and comfort rather than fiery serpents and scorpions and a thirsty land where there is no water. These things make us think we don't need to pray. Beware of ungodly pride, "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'" When you forget God, you think, "I did this all by myself," and you want to take credit for what God did. And then it is the Lord who gives us power to get wealth, that's the last part of this. He says, "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be

obedient to the voice of the LORD your God." It's God who gives us that power to get wealth.

This is why thanksgiving is so necessary. If we are to thank him for trials, we should thank him for smiles too, for his gracious provision. We live in a land where people are saying, "You don't celebrate Thanksgiving and it's for a reason, because it's not to get sick or things like that." But Thanksgiving we should always celebrate. Even if somehow we were separated, we should still thank the Lord for all that he has given us whether it's trials or smiles, whether it's blessings or even difficulties, if we know the Lord, we know all things work together for good. Yet many in our nation have already forgotten God, his laws and his commandments are no longer considered truth. God's word and his commandments are called old-fashioned and unscientific while belief in 100+ genders and fear that the sky will fall is promoted as science. We have truth in the word.

As I read this morning from Psalm 100, the last part of it says, "For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations." It's a different kind of book. It doesn't get old. It's not old-fashioned. It endures. It applies to every generation and we can thank God for that. It still applies today. Why are the nations destroyed? "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God." If we go further and further from God, our nation will also be destroyed like all these nations. Lack of thankfulness like lack of obedience also has its consequences. In Romans 1:21-23 it says, "because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things." Notice what it says here, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God, meaning they weren't keeping God's commandments because that's how we glorify him. And then it says nor were they thankful. They didn't celebrate Thanksgiving. They weren't thankful to God even if they celebrated Thanksgiving, it was like what the radio announcer said, it's not a religious holiday, it's focused on food. Even if we eat a lot, the focus of Thanksgiving is on God. He says nor were they thankful, and then he goes on but became futile in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened, professing to be wise, and that's what ungodly people do, they think they're so wise compared to godly people and change the glory of incorruptible God into an image like corruptible man, the birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. You know, evolution, one of those lies of Satan, that's what, you know, they built little statues of animals and worshiped them like that but we call it science and we have these things being our fathers and mothers.

Well, let's pray.

Father, we are thankful on this Thanksgiving for all that You've blessed us with, and You've blessed us abundantly. Every one of us here, I believe, has been blessed by You and I'm thankful for how You've blessed me. And Father, we do pray that You would help us in whatever way we're blessed, whether we're blessed through trials or smiles, whether we're blessed with lots of blessings or we're blessed in those things that make us

pray, we pray that You'd help us to pray. Help us not to forget You. Help us to be thankful, especially on this day which in the history of our land has been set aside for Thanksgiving and, Father, we pray that we would not forget You or Your commandments but that we would keep them and that we would remember You, and as Moses says in another part of Deuteronomy, that we would love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our minds, with all our might. And Father, we thank You for him, for Moses and what he wrote and, Father, he wished he could go into that Promised Land, in a sense, we are in a sort of a Promised Land and we have an abundance of stuff and so, Father, we thank You for that and we pray we won't forget You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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8 “Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. ² And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³ So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵ You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.

⁶ “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones *are* iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹ “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹² lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; ¹³ and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴ when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵ who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—¹⁷ then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

¹⁸ “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. ¹⁹ Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 8:1–20 (NKJV)

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Our memory verse for this week, Deuteronomy 8:10, gives us the MOST OBVIOUS RULE

- ¹⁰ When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10 (NKJV)

Most of us keep this rule, at least to some extent, when we thank God for food! Blessing, as meant in Deuteronomy 8:10, and thanking are close to the same thing! Blessing God includes both praising and thanking Him!

Deuteronomy 8:10 (God’s Word translation)

¹⁰ When you have eaten all you want, thank the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

*Thanksgiving, I heard this week on the radio **“is focused on FOOD”** which is at least partially true ...*

*What is NOT true, is something else I heard on the radio this week, I heard someone say, **“thanksgiving is not a religious holiday!”** As much as any holiday, Thanksgiving is, and should be ABOUT GOD! God has saved us despite the fact we have broken His Laws, that is why Jesus died, to save us from our sins. He saved us from their penalty, their power and when we get to Heaven, from their very presence -*

We thank God, bless and thank Him for salvation and thank Him for food, clothing, for His Spirit, His Word ...

... but our first rule for eaters this morning is -

1. Obey God's Law –

**8 “Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers.
Deuteronomy 8:1 (NKJV)**

6 “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. Deuteronomy 8:6 (NKJV)

*1. God feeds us that we might obey, that we might live for His purposes -
What is man's chief end? To glorify God! How do we glorify God? By keeping and obeying His Word! So, we only fulfill our purpose, of glorifying God, to the degree we are obedient, to the degree we keep God's commands!*

- *Obedience is life –“that you may live”*
- *God gives us food that we might have energy, strength to obey Him = Live!*

2. This is obviously the same REASON why we FEED on God's Word –

**3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.
Deuteronomy 8:3 (NKJV)**

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Scripture says as much about itself –

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**16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

II. Appreciate God's Discipline –

⁵ You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. Deuteronomy 8:5 (NKJV)

1. Why does God allow difficulties and trials in our lives? These humble us, to test, to improve us –

² And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. Deuteronomy 8:2 (NKJV)

The test is to improve us, make us like gold, more like Christ –

A. Like Gold -

¹⁰ But He knows the way that I take; *When He has tested me*, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10 (NKJV)

B. Right hearted -

³ The refining pot *is* for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts. Proverbs 17:3 (NKJV)

C. Conformed to Christ's image –

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:28–29 (NKJV)

Part of the Israelite's trial was a lack of food!

2. Because God's tries us for our good, we should be thankful even for TRIALS –
¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

III. Bless the LORD God for His Blessing You, even with abundance, even with food -

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10 (NKJV)

1. What Moses had in view here was the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey –

³ Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ Deuteronomy 6:3 (NKJV)

We live in such a land! What do you think an Israelite, who walked in the wilderness, sometimes going without food for days, would think of 2020 America? Imagine such a person driving to McDonalds? You mean you don't have to walk? Or ride an animal? Or even kill or cook the meat?

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3. We have had ancestors, forefathers who loved God -



IV. Beware of Forgetting God -

¹¹ “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹² lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; ¹³ and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴ when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵ who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—¹⁷ then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

¹⁸ “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. ¹⁹ Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 8:11–20 (NKJV)

1. *Beware of forgetting God –*

A. By **not** keeping His commandments - :11 ...why is this considered unnecessary?

B. *Because riches make us think we don't need God*

C. *Ease and comfort, rather than **fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water** Deuteronomy 8:15*

Make us think we don't need to pray!

2. *Beware of ungodly pride –*

¹⁷ then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ Deuteronomy 8:17

3. *It is the LORD Who gives power to “get wealth” –*

Oh, this is why “Thanksgiving” is so necessary! If we are to thank Him for trials, we should thank Him for His smiles – gracious provision!

4. *Yet, many in our nation have already forgotten God, His laws and commandments are no longer considered “truth” –*
 - A. *God’s Word and Commandments are called “old fashioned” and “unscientific” while belief in 100 plus genders, and fear that the sky will fall is promoted, as science!*

Why are nations destroyed? ²⁰ As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 8: 20 (NKJV)

*B. Lack of thankfulness, like lack of obedience, also has its consequence – ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Romans 1:21–23 (NKJV) *Evolution ... another lie of Satan!**

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