

"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 Brings Seasons Of Want Though God Has Promised Abundance, (vs. 1 - 4)

4. God has promised to be our daily protection in times of exposure, (vs. 4)

4a) Remember, God Has Provided All That You Need

"Clothing Did Not Wear (Perf) Out"

"And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." (Mark 4:18-20, ESV)

4b) Remember, God Has Preserved You During Difficulty

"Foot Did Not Swell (Perf)"

"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12:4-7, ESV)

1) "And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 2) For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 3) Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 4) And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?" (Luke 12:22-26, ESV)

- 1) As God's children, we need not worry about temporal things.
- 2) If we have an eternal perspective, we will see that there is more to life than the here and now.
- 3) Has any of God's creatures been abused by God?
- 4) Why would we choose to disobey when our actions will not change anything?

How have you chosen to worry about things that God has promised to take care of if you trust Him?

- God's Testing Disciplines His Children With Seasons Of Abundance To Teach Stewardship, (vs. 5 - 10)
 1. We must understand that God will bring seasons of discipline to teach stewardship, (vs. 5)
 2. We must guard what God has taught us as the only way to true prosperity, (vs. 6)
 3. We must trust that God is the One who will preserve to the end what He has promised, (vs. 7)
 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)