

“Remember the Lord”**Deuteronomy 8:1-20****3/03/13**

This morning/afternoon, we'd like to see the title of **“Remember the Lord”** in the book of Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Q1. In verse 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,”* why did God lead the Israleites all the way these forty years in the wilderness? (3 things)

Q2. In this chapter, why did God feed the Israelites with manna? (3. *“...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.”* &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.”*)

Q3. In verse 17, *“then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth,’* what’s wrong? (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.”*)

(Background)

1446 BC, written by Moses. This chapter stated at the end of the 40 years in the great & terrible wilderness, close to enter into the good land sworn by God. Central theme (6) - Keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

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. ²And 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. ³So 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.

⁴Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵You 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. ⁷For the

1= every commandment. today...must (condition precedent), that you may ..
2=Q1= ...all the way...in the wilderness (to humble you and test you * Psalm 18:27; Prov 16:18; 1 Peter 5:6, to know what was in your heart * John 2:24-25; Psalm 26:2, whether you would keep His commandment)

3=Q2 A= that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word (real life is spiritual, material)
* Matthew 4:4

4=garments... not wear out... nor..your foot swell these forty years (God’s protection; given/blessed things – normal daily life) * Ephesian 5:20

6= central theme

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.

12= when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them (the time of material prosperity is a time of great danger to take our heart away from God) we spend more time in material things -> no time in spiritual things -> tendency to forget God; 14 your heart is lifted... forget God (tendency in our heart to boast)

16=Q2 B ...to do you good in the end (to bless you)

17=Q3 = attributes all wealth to us (not to God) 18.= Remember the Lord... *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth * Judges 7:4-7 (300 <-10K<-22K vs numerous as locusts ~100K * Judges 7:12 ~100K)

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(Psalm 18:27) For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

(Proverbs 16:18) Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

(1 Peter 5:6) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

(John 2:24-25) But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*,²⁵ and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

(Psalm 26:2) Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

3=Q2 A= that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* (real life is spiritual, material) * Matthew 4:4

(Matthew 4:4) "But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

4=garments... not wear out... nor..your foot swell these forty years (God's protection; granted/blessed ones – normal daily life) * Ephesian 5:20

(Ephesians 5:20) giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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(Judges 7:4-7) But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people *are* still *too* many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, *that* of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." ⁵So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." ⁶And the number of those who lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. ⁷Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the *other* people go, every man to his place."

(Judges 7:12) Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

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