

Lesson 8 – Deuteronomy 8-11

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Key Passages:

- Deuteronomy 8:5 – God disciplines us with challenges in our lives to strengthen our faith.
- Deuteronomy 6:18 – God gives us the ability to obtain wealth; we cannot forget Him.
- Deuteronomy 9:4-6 – God gave Israel the land because of the Canaanites wickedness and because of His promise to the patriarchs, not because of the Israelites righteousness.
- Deuteronomy 10:16 – We must circumcise our hearts to be acceptable to God.
- Deuteronomy 11:26-28 – God has set two options before us: a blessing and a curse; it is up to us to decide which to choose and to act accordingly.

Outline of Arguments:

Deuteronomy 8-11 continues the first part of Moses' second speech, which is focused on the fundamental concepts of obedience to the Lord.

- I. Purpose: To teach Israel how to follow God
- II. "Remember that the Lord takes care of you" (8:1-20)
 - a. God took care of Israel throughout the 40 years in the wilderness
 - b. God allowed the people to suffer in the wilderness to build their dependence on Him
 - c. When they arrived in Canaan and were satisfied by it, they were not to forget God (8:10-18)
 - i. They were to bless the Lord for the good land (8:10)
 - ii. They were not to think that it was their own power that gained them the wealth (8:17)
 - iii. God is the one who blesses, even with the ability to make wealth (8:18)
 - d. If they forgot about God, they would be destroyed (8:19-20)
- III. "Remember that you are not deserving" (9-10:11)
 - a. The Lord is the one that would win the battles for Israel (9:1-3)
 - b. Israel was not getting the land by their merits (for it was a stubborn nation), rather by the Canaanites' wickedness and the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (9:4-6)
 - c. "Remember all the ways that you provoked God" (9:7-10:11)
 - i. Israel was rebellious since they had left Egypt (9:7)
 - ii. Israel created the golden calf at Mount Sinai (9:8-10-11)
 - iii. Israel was rebellious at three other locations, including Massah (Exodus 17) (9:22)
 - iv. Israel was rebellious at Kadesh Barnea (Numbers 13-14) (9:23)
- IV. "Remember to keep God's commandments" (10:12-11)
 - a. "Obedience is all God requires of you, and obedience is for your own good" (10:13)
 - b. "The Lord is all-powerful; He can and will protect you" (10:14-11-7)
 - c. "if you keep God's commandments, he will physically care for you" (11:8-17)
 - d. Israel was to teach the commandments to their children always (11:18-25)
 - e. God had placed before them a blessing and a curse, depending on their actions (11:26-32)

Lessons/Applications:

- 1.) God will strengthen our faith (discipline us) by giving us challenges in life to overcome.
- 2.) It is easier to remember that God is taking care of us during hard times than during easy times.
- 3.) Do not be proud and arrogant; God is the one that provides all of our blessings (Luke 12:13-21).
- 4.) We are not deserving of any blessings God gives us; we receive them because of His love.
- 5.) We choose whether to be blessed or to be cursed, but there is no middle ground.