

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Deuteronomy 8 is Moses' theological commentary on the wilderness, specifically, what God was doing and His intentions for Israel as a result of this time.

- Remember God' provision and proving are preparation. (vss. 2-6; Matthew 4:4; Proverbs 3:12; Hebrews 12:5-6)

The complete dependence on the word of God and God's ability to provide is always a hard lesson for man to learn. - Peter Craigie

List His daily miracles. How is He proving you?

- Recognize the abundance of His promise. (vss. 7-10)

How do we bless God for His gifts?

- Reflect on both God's provision of the land and His presence in the wilderness, lest you become proud. (vss. 11-16)

When the immediate experience is one of security and tranquility, then the living memory of the reality of God fades and easily ceases to be the governing principle of daily life. - Peter Craigie

Have our possessions/wealth become our god?

- Resist presumption. (vss. 17-20)

Do we say in our heart that this is ours, gotten by our own strength and power? List practices or attitudes that others say communicate that we are "better" than them.

NOTES: God does not walk away from us; He walks with us. His presence is a sign of His covenant faithfulness and love. *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."* Hebrews 13:5b (Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Joshua 1:5)

NEXT STEPS: Read Deuteronomy 8 aloud a couple times. Where does your attention rest? With another, review the outline. Discuss how plenty and want can both be humbling. Do you sense God's presence in both? What does trusting Jesus as Savior have to do with all of this? Whom do you know who would benefit from hearing what you've learned about yourself and the Lord? Share how this passage speaks to this transition time for Whyte Ridge. Share one next step for you. Pray for each other.