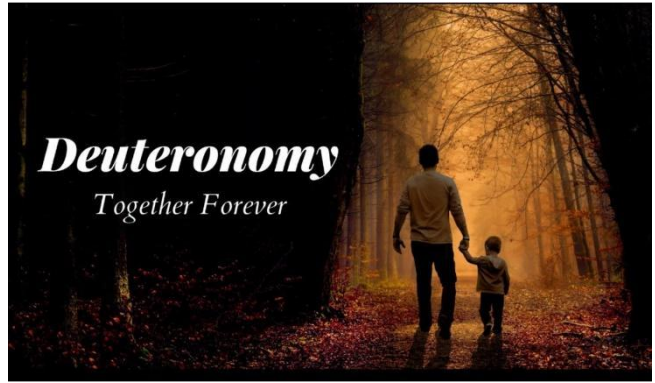


Study Notes (Deuteronomy 8:1-20)



Chapter 8:1-10 **Remembering: Intentional walking with God**

- (Vv.1-2) The key to this chapter is **remembering** all that God has both spoken and done for Israel.
 - Testing would provide opportunity for what is within the heart to come out.
 - **Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 17:9-11.** God reveals the natural inclination of the heart disconnected from Him.
- (Vv. 3-4) The Lord teaches us humility. We learn how satisfying His bread is because we know what it is to be hungry. Testing and Trials are meant to affirm how much we need God centrally in our lives. Such challenging ground shakes lose any confidence we have in our selves or our possessions outside of His presence and provision.
 - **Philippians 4:11-13.** Paul emphasis this reality for our lives today.
- (Vv. 5-10) This is the heart of our God, a good Father.
 - **Romans 8:12-17.** This is the same reality for believers today.

Chapter 8:11-20 **Forgetting: Intentionally walking away from God**

- (v. 11) Not retaining God's Word in our hearts allows other things to come in and fill us.
- (Vv.12-14) Eyes off God look to our own selves and what we have; forgetting where we came from.
- (Vv. 15-17) Eyes off God can bring our past into our present; learning to hunger to look unto God again. **God is the source of life; not us.**
 - **1 Kings 17:1-7.**
- (Vv.18-20) Continuing in stubbornness and pride can lead us into judgment.
 - **Revelation 2:1-5. It is not about Law or Rules, but Love.**
 - **I John 5:1-5.** Keeping God central keeps us in His love, receiving and sharing.

"And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place."

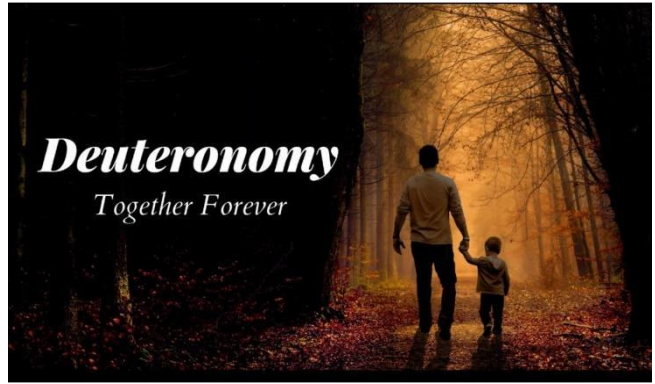
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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *In your own words, describe the overall theme for Deuteronomy chapter 8.*
- 2) *Why does God bring trial / testing into our lives? What role does our heart play in the relationship we have / do not have with God?*
- 3) *Why does God bring us into places that teach us humility?*
- 4) *How did God want Israel to view their relationship with Him? (See Deuteronomy 8:5-10). How does God want us today to view our relationship with Him? (See Romans 8:12-17)*
- 5) *What are the dangers of forgetting God (His Word and Actions in our lives)? Why do we need God's Word? Is it all about following rules, or about a relationship with Him as a child to our good Father? (Compare and contrast Revelation 2:1-5 & 1 John 5:1-5). Do you struggle keeping this love central? How can you keep yourself at a place to be filled with His love and share it with others?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Week read Deuteronomy Chapter 9:1-29**