

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

DEUTERONOMY 8

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Deuteronomy eight is a rehearsal of God’s providential blessings and leading in the years of wilderness wanderings. God had divine purposes in the wanderings. Israel had to learn to know God as God. Know Him as the one who provides. The one who cares. The one who leads. The one who tests. The one who blesses. The one who disciplines as a loving Father. God says clearly in verses 2 and following that, **“God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test 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 by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”** (Emphasis mine)

God did something that is often overlooking when recounting the miraculous work that God did in the wilderness. God made the clothes they wore to be indestructible. Their “garments did not wear out” and their shoes never wore out the entire time they wandered in the forty-year period. The entire journey was a miracle. God took care of His people’s every need: clothes, shoes,

shade, light, food, water, there was nothing they needed that God did not provide. They were to never forget these things, and therefore Moses went into detail in these chapters of Deuteronomy. God wanted to get them to the point where they would trust Him for their daily bread and water and for the clothes they wore on their bodies. He was going to bring them into an abundant land where rivers would flow, and springs would be in abundance. He wanted them to remember what it was like when they were disobedient in their walk with Him. He so desired to bless them but required obedience as the key that unlocked those blessings.

Prayer and Action Steps

*God desires to bless each of His children. He wants us to trust Him. To acknowledge His blessings as from Him and not the work and ingenuity of our own hands. **“Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus that to trust and obey.”** Thank Him right now!*

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____

