

Deuteronomy 8

“The Word in the Wilderness”

Big Theme:

- moving from the wilderness to the promised land
- This is a new generation of Israel
- One's that are about to move into and experience something different
- They had known adversity, hunger, thirst, dependence, wandering
- They're about to experience houses, vineyards, crops, livestock, wealth, security
- The big call is to REMEMBER
- Remember the Word of the Lord. Remember the wilderness
- Remember they couldn't survive the wilderness
- Realize they couldn't survive without it either

God's Word is where we remember. God's Word is where we are directed. God's Word is what keeps and sustains us in the wilderness.

1. God's Word reminds us (1-5)

- obedience to God's Word leads to experience of God's promises
- Remember how He has proved himself
 - *Psalm 46:1— “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”*
- His provision and grace
- His discipline
 - *Hebrews 12:7— “it is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”*
 - *Hebrews 12:11— “For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it”*
 - *The vine and the vinedresser*

2. God's Word directs us (6-11)

- walking in His ways
- Fear of Him
- Directs our eyes forward
 - *Psalm 121:1-2— “I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth”*
 - *Colossians 3:1-2— “if then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth”*

3. God's Word keeps us (12-18)

- we are prone to forget in the blessings
- We are more prone to forget God in prosperity than in adversity
- God's Word is the antidote to our pride

4. God's Word equips us (19-20)

- when we forget God, we tend to lose faithfulness and fidelity
- God's Word is our weapon against spiritual adultery
 - *Matthew 4:4—Deuteronomy 8:3*
 - *Matthew 4:7—Deuteronomy 6:16*
 - *Matthew 4:10—Deuteronomy 6:13*
- We fight with the Word (doubts, deception, temptation)