

THE LORD'S LEADING OF ISRAEL

“And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness...” Deuteronomy 8:2a

1. The Lord God led them through the wilderness
 - a. His presence was with them for forty years
 - b. He graciously led them through the wilderness
2. He was God to them
 - a. The Lord was feeding them with manna for forty years Deuteronomy 8:3
 - b. The Lord was preserving their clothes for forty years Deuteronomy 8:4a
 - c. Their feet did not swell from walking in the wilderness for forty years Deuteronomy 8:4b

THE LORD HUMBLING AND TESTING ISRAEL

“To humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled 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...”
Deuteronomy 8:2b-3

“That He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end”
Deuteronomy 8:16

1. The Lord planned to humble them and to test what was in their heart
2. The Lord actually humbled and tested them
 - a. It was humbling to be tested
 - b. The Lord allowed them to hunger
 - c. He fed them with manna
3. He humbled and tested them with a purpose - To do them good

THE LORD CHASTENING ISRAEL

“You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, *so* the LORD your God chastens you.”
Deuteronomy 8:5

1. A father chastens his own son
 - a. Wrongdoings need to be corrected
 - b. A good father chastens out of love
2. Even so the Lord God as Father chastened Israel

- a. The people of Israel did not learn to keep His word
- b. And so they were chastened by the Lord
- c. The Lord did this out of love for them

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD

“That He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.” Deuteronomy 8:3

1. The Lord teaching a crucial lesson of life

“That He might make you know...”

 - a. The Lord was teaching them an important principle of life
 - b. One of the ways to learn was through food
2. The focus of man should not be meeting physical needs

“That man shall not live by bread alone...”

 - a. They hungered as they went through the wilderness
 - b. They were to learn to go beyond just living on bread
3. Man must learn to live by the word of God

“Man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God...”

 - a. They were to regard highly all His words
 - b. They were to rely fully on all His words
 - c. They were to exercise faith to keep His commandments

PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

1. Depending on God
 - a. The Lord consistently leads us
 - b. The Lord’s commitment to humble and test us
 - c. Our part is to depend on Him always
2. Taking corrections from the Lord
 - a. Seeing God as our heavenly Father
 - b. He chastens out of love for us
 - c. Learning to be corrected by the Lord
3. Living by all the words of the Lord
 - a. Regarding highly all the words of God
 - b. Learning to obey His commandments