To Do Good For You In The End (Deuteronomy 8:18)

Tony Mauck · Deuteronomy 8:1–18

INTRODUCTION

- Forty years of wilderness wandering since the glorious deliverance from Egyptian bondage. A whole generation has perished.
- Deuteronomy represents God's address to this new people whom he would bring into the land of promise.

1 Humbling You, Testing You

Deuteronomy 8:1–6; Matthew 4:4

- May I suggest that in the journey of the believer, something similar is occurring. Humbling you, testing you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.
- Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.
- He wasn't being mean to them, he was training them. He was instructing them for their good and for their benefit.
- God doesn't want them to forget how and why they arrived. And so before they ever get there, God issues the call to remember.

2 Not Because of My Righteousness

Deuteronomy 9:4–6

- They are not in this land because they were so especially wonderful.
- It's more about what they've done, not about who you are.
- It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but it's because of the wickedness of these nations.
- For you are a stubborn people. That has been their history.

3 Beware Lest You Forget the Lord Your God

Deuteronomy 8:10–18

- Beware lest you forget the Lord your God. By not keeping his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes.
- God doesn't fit in the equation in your heart. It's what I've done, it's what I've provided, it's what I've amassed.
- And then I have this underlined. To do good for you in the end.
- For it is he who is giving you power to make wealth, and that he may confirm his covenant.

4 A Very Perilous Journey

- Perilous, not because it was destined to destruction. God had a plan, and he was going to bring it about.
- But the greatest part of the peril of this journey had to do with at times their very great lack of faith in God.
- The journey became increasingly perilous when they lost sight of their deliverer.
- Stubborn they have been. Oh, how we are prone to forgetfulness.

5 From Desert to Dessert

Ephesians 2:12; 1 Peter 4:18–19

- Our journey is very similar to Israel's journey. From desert to desert. In sin we find ourselves dead and destitute and lost.
- As you receive that deliverance, those words instruct us to be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins, we rise to walk in newness of life, and now we live the life of faith and dependence.
- It starts with faith, and then it continues with faith as he humbles and tests us in the journey.
- Will you live by faith or will you jettison it as Israel did? God is testing us to know what is in our hearts.
- If we had any idea what the experience of heaven will be like we would not surrender it for anything.

6 Paul Makes This Analogy

1 Corinthians 10:1–11

- I am here today to bless the Lord my God. For what he has done. This has been a call to remember.
- There's a greater spiritual application to the journey that they underwent. And it's you.
- Let us not be idolatrous as they were, Let us not be immoral as they were. Let us not grumble and complain.

THE CHALLENGE

Well, seeing is believing, but we have not seen it. We need trust, and we need patience.

MY NOTES