

Deuteronomy Chapter 8:1-20

Times Of Testing

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

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The wilderness experience was designed to produce both obedience and faith within the nation Israel. When you find yourself going through a personal wilderness experience ask two questions of yourself: (1) In the midst of this trial am I learning to be obedient to the Lord? (2) Lord, what are you trying to teach me?

Vv 2-3

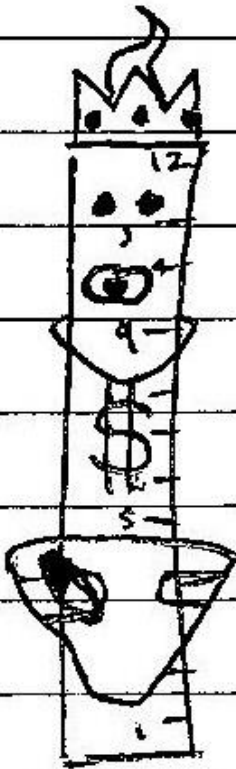
God put the Israelites to the test to see what was in their hearts, of course, He already knew what was in their hearts. The point was that their obedience or disobedience had to be proven in history. God led them into the desert where they had no alternative but to trust Him or murmur against Him. During times of testing people either become bitter or better in their relationship with God, looking back, how have you responded through times of testing?

Vv 19-20

For Israel, failure to praise God would lead to forgetting God. Forgetting God would lead to worshipping other gods. This course of action would lead to certain disaster. The same is true for us today, praise Him!

Don't resent God's training/testing. Your current circumstances, trials, location, responsibilities, the people He brings into your life all have purpose. Through these, He is preparing you for His purposes.

(Eph. 2:10)



Rich,
young
Ruler