

Deuteronomy Lesson #11, Chapter 8

Be sure to spend time asking the Lord to help you understand His Word before you begin this lesson.

1. In verse 1 Moses reminds the Israelites of the covenant promise they have entered into with God. How are they to keep the covenant they made with God? What will God do for them as a result?
2. Throughout the book of Deuteronomy Moses brings up anything that will help motivate and encourage the nation to follow the Lord. What does he encourage them to do in verse 2?
3. What did God intend the wilderness years to produce in the nation now ready to enter the land (verses 2-5)?
4. What means did God use to train Israel to follow Him (verses 2-4)?
5. Look up the following verses and record what you learn about how we are to view the discipline of God in our lives. See Job 5:17; Psalm 94:12; Proverbs 3:12; Revelation 3:19.
6. As you think over the time since you became a believer, what means has God used to teach you to follow Him? What did you learn as a result of those lessons?

7. For those who learned the lessons of the wilderness and followed the Lord what awaited them in the new land (verses 7-9)?

8. Why was it so important that Israel learn the lessons in the wilderness (verses 6, 10)?

9. What warning does Moses issue to the nation (verse 11)? Why?

10. What other attitude does Moses caution them not to fall prey to (verses 12-14)?

11. What specific things did Moses warn them not to forget about God's deliverance in verses 14-16?

12. In verse 16 we see another reason added to those of verse 2 in explaining how God used the wilderness to teach the Israelites. What is the added reason?

Eager Beaver: Keeping in mind the lessons we have learned here about God teaching and disciplining His children, consider the truths of Lamentations 3:25-33. What do you learn about God's kindness in dealing with His children and how we are to respond?

13. If the Israelites don't choose to remember all that God has done for them what might they be tempted to do (verse 17)?

14. Many times in the Bible we are told to *remember* something. In Deuteronomy alone we are told to remember something God has done 15 times. Look up each of those occurrences and see what we are to remember: 4:10; 5:15; 7:18; 8:2, 18; 9:7, 27; 15:15; 16:3, 12; 24:9, 18, 22; 25:17; 32:7.

15. What warning is given to the nation if they should forget the Lord (verses 19-20)?

16. Over and over in this chapter we see the importance of remembering and not forgetting what the Lord has done in our lives. Are there any lessons you need to bring back into your memory so that the lessons that you learned previously will continue their good effect in your life today?

17. What attitudes must accompany a heart that remembers all that God has done? Are you characterized by those attitudes?

P.C. Craigie, in his commentary on Deuteronomy has this to say about the wilderness time, "The wilderness makes or breaks a man; it provides strength of will and character. The strength provided by the wilderness, however, was not the strength of self-sufficiency, but the strength that comes from a knowledge of the living God."