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## Life-shaping significance...

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1. God uses tough times to discipline those who belong to Him; this proves that no experience in life is ever wasted. What important life lesson/s have you learnt from God's discipline? What's the point of God's discipline?
2. God sustained the Israelites during their wilderness wanderings by providing for their every need, especially for food, water, and clothes.
  - a. How does God's word sustain you even more than your daily bread?
  - b. What is the right response for God's provision of your every need?
3. Forgetfulness has dire consequences. How can you ensure that you do not forget the LORD God by following other gods?
4. The Israelites had a deplorable track record that glaringly revealed their sinful nature by persistently rebelling against God and disobeying His word.
  - a. How acutely aware are you of the same sinful nature within you?
  - b. How has Jesus dealt with your sinful nature (Romans 6:6-7)?
5. God wrote His commandments on stone tablets so that His redeemed people would obey Him. Where should they be written now (Hebrews 8:10)? Why?

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## Prayer points...

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Studies in Deuteronomy 1-11

*Live life like this!*

**Remember not to forget!**

**Deuteronomy 8:1 - 10:11**



### The story so far...

The LORD God promised to defeat the nations who inhabit the land He promised to His redeemed people. So He ordered that the names of these nations and their kings be totally eliminated from under heaven by destroying them. He also strictly prohibited any relationship with these peoples, lest the Israelites be ensnared to follow their gods. For the LORD chose His people to be set apart to worship Him exclusively as He alone is God. He never chose them for any credit-worthy reason found in them; for they were rather insignificant. And God promised to bless them when they enter the land. But He warned them repeatedly not to be unfaithful by following other gods. For the gods and idols of the nations are detestable to the LORD God; He abhors them and will bring destruction of those who follow them.

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### God spoke these words...

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**The hardships experienced during their wilderness wandering were not wasted; for invaluable lessons were learnt. So Moses again instructs them to follow God's words carefully (8:1-6).**

1. While the Israelites were guilty of testing God during their journey through the wilderness, what was the LORD their God doing to them (8:1-2)?
2. What important life lesson did the LORD teach them (8:3-5)?

3. What was to characterize their lives as they prepare to enter the land (8:6)?

**Supplies to sustain them during their wilderness wanderings were scarce; however, God's supernatural provision sustained them with food to eat, water to drink and clothes to wear in a barren land (8:7-20).**

4. How will their fortunes change radically when they enter the land (8:7-9)?

5. What is the appropriate response to God's abundant provision (8:10)?

6. What subtle danger lurks as they live the good life in the land (8:11-17)?

a. What will show that they have forgotten the LORD their God (11-13)?

b. How will remembering what God has done stop them forgetting (14-16)?

7. What are they not to forget when they enjoy God's abundant provision (8:17-18)?

8. What dreadful consequence will happen if they worship other gods (8:19-20)?

**While the enemy looks invincible and their cities appear impregnable, God will destroy them and they will be driven out of the land (9:1-6).**

9. Who deserves the credit for the victory over stronger and greater foes (9:1-3)?

a. What does stealing God's credit for the victory reveal (9:4 & 9:6)?

b. Why will the inhabitants in the land be dispossessed (9:5 [Genesis 15:16])

**God has been faithful to His word; He keeps His covenant of love to those who love Him and keep His commands (9:7-28).**

10. What has characterized the Israelites consistently (9:7-8 & 9:22-24)?

11. What happened while Moses was meeting with the LORD God (9:9-13)?

12. How was the LORD God's righteous anger turned away (9:14-21)?

13. What two reasons does Moses use to plead with the sovereign LORD not to destroy His rebellious redeemed people (9:25-29)?

Moses gives the history of the Ten Commandments on which the LORD wrote; they were placed in the Ark of the Covenant and the tribe of Levi were assigned to carry it; they received no land allotment. Aaron died and was buried. God gave Moses marching orders to lead the people to the land He promised them (10:1-11).

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## **New Testament connections...**

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**Read Matthew 4:1-10 (also see Matthew 6:11)**

1. What does Jesus quoting the Scriptures from Deuteronomy reveal?

**Read Hebrews 12:7-11 (also see Hebrews 5:8)**

2. What does God's discipline accomplish and prove?