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deuteronomy 8 : 1 - 20

# I. the purposes of the wilderness

[vv 1 – 5]

1. to humble us [v 2a, 3, 16a]  
--*anah*

isaiah 64 : 11

Our holy and glorious temple,  
where our fathers praised you,  
has been burned with fire, and all  
that we treasured *lies in ruins*.

lamentations 3 : 32 , 33

Though He brings grief, He will  
show compassion, so great is His  
unfailing love. <sup>33</sup> For He does not  
willingly bring affliction or grief to  
the children of men.

bread alone



what we  
can do

God's Word



what God  
can do

job 23 : 12

I have not departed from the  
commands of His lips; I have  
treasured the words of His mouth  
more than my daily bread.

psalm 119 : 103

How sweet are your words to my  
taste, sweeter than honey to my  
mouth!

jeremiah 15 : 16

When your words came, I ate  
them; they were my joy and my  
heart's delight, for I bear your  
name, O LORD God Almighty.



john 4 : 34

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work."

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1. to humble us [v 2a, 3, 16a]

2. to test us [v 2b, 16b]

--*nasah*

proverbs 17 : 3

The crucible for silver and the  
furnace for gold, but the LORD  
*tests* the heart.

# Genesis 22:1, 2

Some time later God *tested* Abraham. . .and said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering.”

judges 2 : 22

I will use them to *test* Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did.

## 2 chronicles 32 : 31

But when envoys were sent by the rulers of Babylon to ask him about the miraculous sign that had occurred in the land, God left him to *test* him and to know everything that was in his heart.

# 1 corinthians 10 : 13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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3. to train us [v 5]

--*yasar*



# **II. the perils of prosperity**

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1. that we will forget God

[v 11a]

“Just on the verge of danger and  
not before

God and the doctor we adore.

When danger is passed and all  
things are righted,

God is forgotten and the doctor  
is slighted.”

proverbs 30 : 8b , 9a

...give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. <sup>9</sup> Otherwise, I may have too much and disown You and say, 'Who is the LORD ?'...

# **remember what God has done!**

- He has redeemed them. [v 14b]
- He has led them. [v 15a]
- He has provided water for them. [v 15b]
- He has provided bread for them. [v 16]

# II. the perils of prosperity

[vv 6 – 20]

1. that we will forget God

[v 11a]

2. that we will fail God

[v 11b]

“Scarcely shall we find one person in 100 in whom satiety (“the state of being satiated or glutted”) does not generate headlines.”

--John Calvin, 16<sup>th</sup> century

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[vv 6 – 20]

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[v 11a]

2. that we will fail God

[v 11b]

3. that we will forsake God

[v 19]



1 kings 11 : 4 , 5

As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. <sup>5</sup> He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians,

1 kings 11 : 4 , 5

and Molech the detestable god of  
the Ammonites.

deuteronomy 32 : 15

Jeshurun grew fat and kicked;  
filled with food, he became heavy  
and sleek. He abandoned the God  
who made him and rejected the  
Rock his Savior.

## wilderness

humble us



## Promised Land

so don't **forget** God

test us

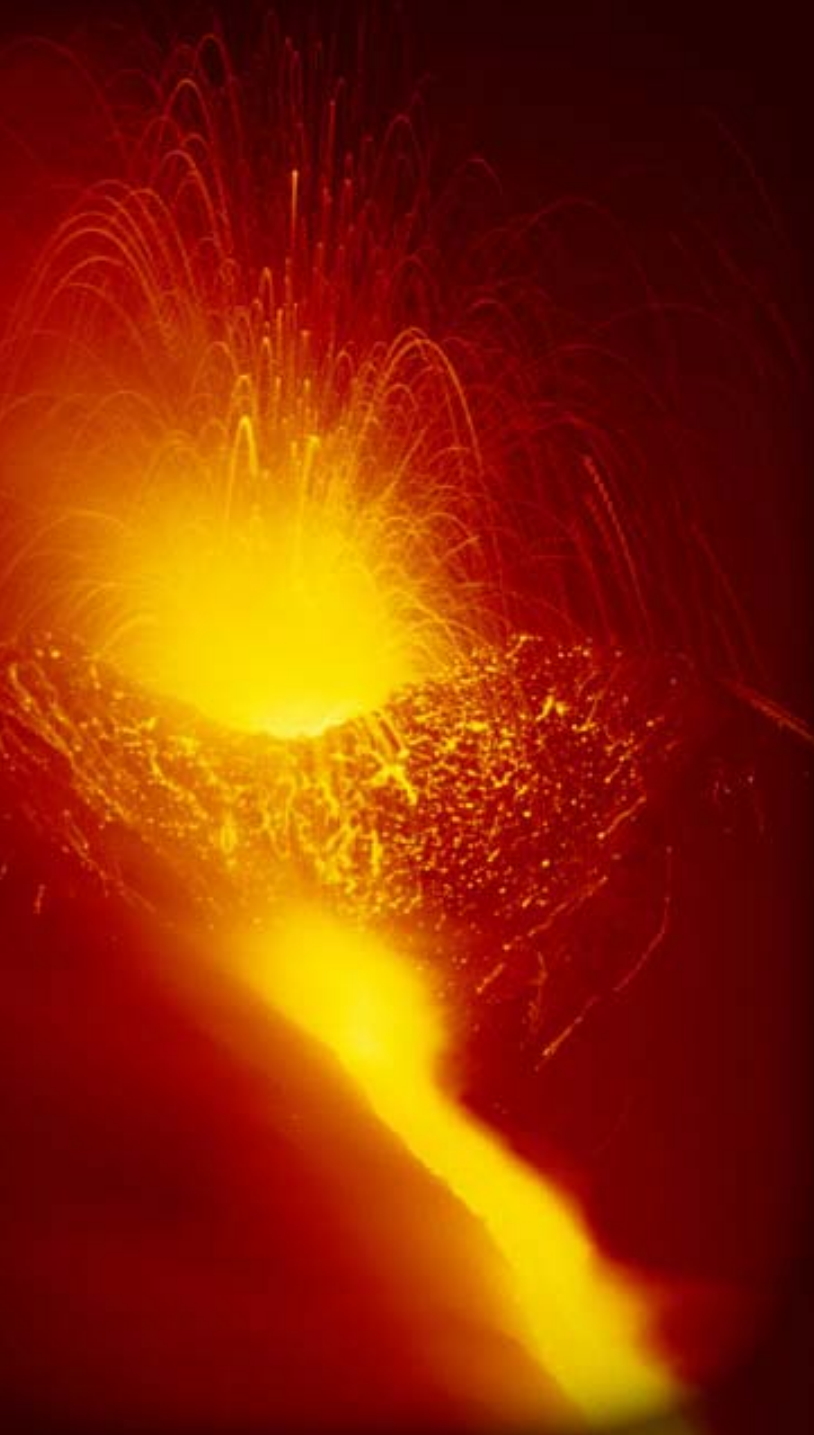


so don't **fail** God

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