

# Safeguards to Assure Obedience to God's Commandments: How to Guard Against Forgetting God Deuteronomy 08:01–10

## 1. *Be careful! Observe! Obey every commandment of God*

- a. Assures life
- b. Assures increase in fruitfulness and population
- c. Assures an inheritance in the promised land

## 2. *Remember God's guidance through the wilderness wanderings*

- a. God's humbling you and testing you
  - 1) To prove your character
  - 2) To prove your obedience or disobedience
- b. God's provision of food
  - 1) He provided manna
  - 2) His purpose:
    - To teach one great truth
    - Man's life does not depend on bread alone
    - Man's life depends on the Word of God — on every word He speaks

1 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors.

2 Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

c. God's provision of clothing and strength

1) Clothes did not wear out

2) Feet did not swell

d. God's discipline: Just as a father loves and corrects, so God loves and corrects

e. God's expectation: Obedience

1) Must walk in His ways

2) Must fear, revere Him

**3. *Praise the LORD for the promised land and its wonderful provision***

a. "His great provision of the land

1) An overflowing supply of water

2) An abundance of food

3) A scarcity or lack of nothing

4) A rich deposit of minerals

b. The strong charge:

Always praise the LORD for the promised land and its wonderful provision

4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years.

5 Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

6 Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him.

7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land — a land with brooks, streams and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills;

8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey;

9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.