## Deuteronomy

## Chapter 8

3 And he humbled you and a caused you to hunger and gave you manna to eat which you did not know and your fathers did not know so that He could make you to know that man does live by bread alone but man lives by every word form the mouth of Yahoah. 18 And you shall remember the Lord your God for it is He that gives you power to produce wealth to establish His covenant, which He swore to your fathers as it is this day<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> One of the most important things that we must learn is that if we are going to prosper then we are going to have to obey the word of God (2 Chronicles 20:20; Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:2). If we are going to benefit from all the promises that God has made to us then we must be willing to hold tightly to the word of God and not allow it to slip (Hebrews 2:1; 10:23; Romans 4:20; 2 Corinthians 1:20). We must not stagger or waver concerning the promises of God but continue to recite the word of God and declare those things, which He has proclaimedtobetrue!

There are so many circumstances and influences that would attempt to change our opinion and confession. Yet, as the people of God we must recognize that what God has said is true all we have to do is to believe and stand firm in His promises (John 6:63; Hebrews 1:3; 4:12; 11:3). If we will speak the same thing and mind the same thing that God has declared then we will walk through any storm into the blessing as we walk in agreement with God's word (Amos 3:3). Satan would come to change our mind but no matter how pressing the situation we must remember and confess "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of Yahoah."

If you are in a financial problem you must have a confession that is in agreement with the promise and blessing of God. If you are in a physical distress then you must have a confession that is in agreement with the promises and blessings of God. Whatever is in your heart will be declared from your mouth and eventually whatever is in your mouth will be what is in your heart (Proverbs 4:23; Deuteronomy 30:14; Luke 6:45; Romans 10:8). God's inspired word should be our inspiration. His life giving words heal the sick and bring new life to those who once were bound by sin. His word is the power that framed the heavens and it His word that will bring a miracle to you (Hebrews 11:3; John 1:14; Psalms 107:20; Matthew 8:8,16; 1 Peter 1:23; Matthew 13:23). If you will believe, if you will hold fast to the word of God and not let it depart out of your mouth but recite it day and night then you will have the results that God has promised those who live by His word (Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:2; 1 Timothy 4:15).

<sup>2</sup> God does give men material riches. He made Abraham exceedingly rich in much gold, silver and cattle (Genesis 13:2). God so blessed Jacob that his prosperity out grew that of Laban whom he was servant to (Genesis 27:28; 31:1). God gave Solomon riches and honor. When Solomon could have asked for anything he asked for wisdom and discernment and so God gave Him riches as well (1 Kings 11-12). Solomon then as the preacher refers to the riches and wealth that God gives to men as a gift from God (Ecclesiastes 5:19). Solomon as the prophet and poet reveals that riches and honor are in the house of wisdom (Proverbs 3:16; 8:18). God gave Cyrus the hidden treasures of riches so that Cyrus would both know that the Living God was the One who had done it and so that Cyrus would accomplish what God had raised him up to do (Isaiah 45:3). God has also appointed that all of the redeemed should eat of the riches of the Gentiles as well (Isaiah 61:6).

These riches that come form God are the blessing of God and they have no sorrow attached to them (Proverbs 10:22). It is God that gives men power to make wealth in order to establish His covenant and advance His Kingdom upon the earth (Deuteronomy 8:17-18). Moses assures Israel that covenant with God produces blessings and that the blessings produce wealth. God is the One who placed all of the riches in the earth and they all belong to Him. It is also God that places wealth and riches in the house of the righteous (Psalms 112:3). However, these riches are in stark contrast to those whose entire focus of life is to make themselves rich and who trust in their own riches (Psalms 37:6; 49:6-8; 16-17; 73:12; Proverbs 11:28; 13:7; 23:4; 28:20, 22; Matthew 13:22; Mark 10:24; 1 Timothy 6:9).

- 1 It shall be that if you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God to observe to do all His commandments<sup>3</sup> which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you on high above all the nations of the earth
- 12- Yahoah shall open to you His good treasure: the heavens to give you the rain unto your land in its season and to bless al you do with your hands and you shall lend much to the nations but you shall not borrow<sup>4</sup>.

Today God desires to cause us to prosper and be health even as our soul prospers. God has blessed us with every kind of blessing and authority that exist in His Kingdom. There is no reason for His people to have lack and to suffer want and oppression. God receives no glory in poverty. Poverty is a curse and having only enough to pay your bills renders an individual ineffective for their lives are spent slaving to survive. God desires to bless all the works of our hands and to cause us to increase in every dimension of our life. We serve the same God Abraham served. He wants to bless us today as much as He desired to bless the nation of Israel then. If we are going to accomplish those things that God has raised us up to do then we must realize the blessing and riches of God both spiritually and materially. The most effective evangelism tools on the earth today are still out of the reach of those who desire to go "into all of the world and preach the gospel." The only way that we will become as effective with film and media as the world has become is to lay hold on the blessings of God. The only way that we can go to all the nations of the world that are calling for us to come is to realize the wealth that God has stored up for the advancement of His Kingdom in the earth today. There is a desperate and needy world calling out for help. It is God's people who must rise up and take hold of the blessings of God so that they may be a blessing.

There is nothing about God that has changed. The way that He felt about things in the days of the Old Testament is the way that He feels about them today. God has set before us life and death, and has asked us to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:15; Romans 6:23; 8:6; Mark 16:16; John 3:36). The abundant life that God has given us is the life of Christ Jesus the Living Word, who now lives in those that believe. We are called to come and dwell in Him with total dependence upon Him. If we come to Jesus and yet are unwilling to walk in obedience to His word and abide in His life, we will wither and be cast out from relationship with Him (John 15:1-6). If we believe that we can sow to sin and iniquity and participate with the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, and yet live the life of Jesus - we are deceived. If we sow to the life of disobedience, we will reap corruption and death (Galatians 6:7-8; 1 John 2:15-17). God has called us to walk in His word, to keep His commandments, and to give our life to living in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said: "If you keep my commandments then you love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father" (John 14:15,23-24; 15:14; 1 John 2:5; 5:3).

From the beginning, God has called those who would walk with Him to be perfect (Genesis 17:1). If we will keep His commandments and walk in his law of life, then we will be blessed. This is not so much a matter of rewards or punishments; rather there are laws to life and blessings, and these laws are taught to us by the word of God. If we choose rather to follow the ways of sin, then the laws of sin and death dictate destruction. When we were dead in our trespasses in sin, the spirit of disobedience governed our lives (Ephesians 2:1-2). When we were delivered from the law of sin and death, we were given the Spirit of obedience to walk in all the ways of God. God has worked a marvelous miracle for us in Christ Jesus, and has given us a transformed life and the aid of all heaven to do what He has commanded. It is no wonder that Jesus said, "Be perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48; 2 Corinthians 13:11; 2 Timothy 3:17; Ephesians 4:13; John 17:23; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 13:21).

If we are going to dwell in a place of safety and be kept by the power of God, then we must hear and obey the word of God. God has given us life, and life more abundantly. In this life we have been given the ability to understand the laws of the Spirit of life, and be kept in the ways of God that we might inherit the blessing in every dimension of our life (Romans 8:2; John 10:10; 1 Peter 1:5). Our provider, protector, and perfecter will keep us from all harm - no matter what the condition of things may be. In the day of trouble, He will hide us and be our refuge (Psalm 9:9; 27:5; Proverbs 1:33). When the devourer comes to destroy, we will be out of reach. If we will simply obey God's word and walk in His ways no matter what the opposition, we will step into the inheritance and live in the blessings of God (Joshua 1:8).

- 11 For this commandment that I command you this day: it is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.
- 12 It is not in the heavens that you should say, "Who shall ascend into the heavens for us and bring it to us, so that we may hear it and do it?"
- 13 Neither is it beyond the sea that you should say, "Who shall pass over for us to the region beyond the sea and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?"
- 14 For the word is very near you: in your mouth and in your heart to do it. 5.
- <sup>4</sup> The blessing of the Lord will result in such abundance that there will be no need for His people to borrow. There is so much abundance in God's blessings that there will be plenty to lend to others (Proverbs 10:22; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; Haggai 1:6; 2:18-19; Matthew 6:33). God has blessed the church with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies and the blessing of prosperity is one of those many blessings (Ephesians 1:2; Matthew 21:43) . Father has supplied us with a great abundance according to His riches in glory so that we may have an abundance of righteousness, an abundance of health and an abundance of prosperity. The reproach of sin, sickness, disease and poverty should not be among us. If we are willing to walk in the divine nature and give heed to the instructions of the Lord then we are promised by the Lord that we will neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ who came to give us life and life more abundantly (2 Peter 1:8; John 10:10; Deuteronomy 29:9; Joshua 1:7-8). The context in which these blessings will come is one of vision, careful planning, diligence, hard work and tithing. It is no small task to invest your time and efforts into producing a crop. It is no time for daydreaming about having 100 acres when you only have 10. One must plan carefully according to the task that is in front of them. To expect that a 10 acre piece of land is going to produce what a 100 acre piece of ground will produce when one has never successfully brought in an average yield from 10 acres is unwise. There is order to the proper preparation to be successful in those things that we set out to do (Proverbs 24:23). We certainly cannot spend our profits before we make them and expect that the project will be successful! What we can be certain of is the miracle supply of God's blessing on those things that we set our hands to do. He will send the rain and give us a plentiful harvest. Yet we must realize that it will take a solid plan and good execution of the plan if we are going to make profits. Furthermore it will take more than one harvest to have what it takes to lend to many nations (Proverbs 28:20,22). We are the stewarts of what God has given us and we must realize that He is looking for us to be faithful and wise with the way in which we spend the money that He gives us (Luke 16:11; Proverbs 6:6-11).

God has promised that He will bless the work of our hands and that whatever we do will prosper (Psalms 1:3; 35:27; Jeremiah 17:7-8). But at the same time we must recognize that we are in training and that the Lord is going to teach us and prepare us unto every good work (2 Timothy 2:21; Proverbs 19:27; 23:12; Psalms 31:3; John 16:13). The Spirit of the Lord will show us how to move in wisdom and grow as we go instead of borrowing more and finding debt instead of profits in the end. The Lord may have blessed our project with five times more than we initially invested but if we make the wrong moves we can spend the profits by going beyond what we were suppose to do. Then what we discover is that we have turned the blessing of the Lord into a loss. We are to always move in faith and expectation of the blessing of the Lord but it must be done in a sober manner. We must not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to but according to the measure of faith that has been given to us (Romans 12:3). If we will be faithful with the measure of faith God will certainly mature us into a realm of fullness of faith and we will enjoy a greater degree of supernatural supply and provision in our lives and prosper all the more even as our soul prospers (3 John 2).

Let us walk before the Lord with all fear and trembling desiring that He should take away our reproach in the areas that we have been barren or unfruitful. Let us commit to give to God a tenth of all that He blesses us with even as Jacob did at Bethel (Genesis 28:22). Let our confidence be as Abraham's was who waited faithfully on the promises of God for many years before Sarah's reproach was taken away (Romans 4:20; Genesis 30:23). Let us earnestly contend with the Lord as Hanna did that the blessing of God might come into our lives for the purpose of blessing both the house of God and the nations through what God blesses us with (1Samuel 1:10-11). May we all now begin to move in faith to never borrow again and sow and harvest in faith for the miracle of provision that empowers us to lend to many nations.

<sup>5</sup> God spoke to all of Israel out of the midst of the fire, so that they could all hear His voice and know for certain that it was His word that they were to observe (Deuteronomy 4:12,33; Deuteronomy 4:36;

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20- And He said I will hide my face from them and I will see what will happen afterwards for they are a perverse generation sons who have no faith in them<sup>6</sup>.

Deuteronomy 5:4,22; Deuteronomy 9:10; Deuteronomy 10:4). Man is not left to his own intellect and efforts to discover what pleases God. God has come to us and plainly revealed those things that He has required of us. Moses was preparing the people to walk into the miracle of the inheritance that God had planned for them. The only way that they would be able to enjoy that miracle and remain in the blessings of the covenant was to be empowered by the life-giving word of the Almighty!

Today God has spoken to us by His Son from heaven: whom He has appointed heir of all things, and by whom He made the worlds (Hebrews 1:1-2). The words of Jesus are spirit and life; they impart to those who hear them the life and nature of God (John 6:63; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Peter 1:3-4). To as many as will hear His voice and receive Him, He gives the authority to be the sons of God; and to live the life of the Spirit. When Paul described the transformation that comes through being born of the word of God, he used Deuteronomy 30:11-14 (Romans 10:6-8). This is how righteousness comes into the life of a person: not through the lifeless motions of a religion, but through a relationship with God - who has made Himself known by the authority of His life-creating word. The righteousness which is by faith comes to us through the word of God. He has revealed His word to us not only to empower us to do it, but also to transform our lives and create within us a new heart and a new spirit. By the power of His word, the Holy Spirit comes upon us and changes us, and fills us with the glorious and abundant life that belongs to Jesus Christ. Through the life-giving power of His word, we are empowered to step into the miracle of God's grace and into the inheritance of the life of Christ. There is nothing for us to figure out on our own. We do not have to wait around until that secret key of revelation is brought to us. All the wisdom and glory of God has come to us, and there is nothing left for us to do but to believe what God has said.

The moment that we will believe is the moment that we will receive; and at that moment we are changed! If any one is willing to hear the voice of the Lord and receive the grace that He has given, the miracle of salvation takes place; not by any works of righteousness that we have done, but by the power of God. This so great a salvation delivers us from all of the works of the devil: from sin, sickness, disease, and everything that is contrary to the Holy Spirit. When God steps into our lives through Christ Jesus, His righteousness comes with Him. When His light shines into our hearts, the darkness departs! In His goodness and mercy He has put His words in our mouth so that we can speak them, and into our hearts so that we can believe them. God has made it all so simple: if we confess Jesus Christ as God and Savior, our confession of His word works a miracle. Then with our hearts we believe in the righteousness that has been given to us through Christ Jesus, and we walk in the miracle of the life of Christ in us (Colossians 1:28; 1 John 4:4). We may all confidently rest in the assurance and proofs that it is God's word that has empowered us with divine ability - to do those things, which He has commanded.

<sup>6</sup> Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Unless we are willing to walk in truth and faithfully do those things which, God has declared then we are not walking in faith. Everything that Israel had was a miraculous provision from God. He blessed them and made them great but they were unwilling to faithfully walk with God and put their trust in Him. Therefore God said that He would turn His face from them. When God's face is turned and His presence is no longer in our midst then all of the divine supply of His Spirit is also gone. There is nothing left but human ability faced with the adverse elements of life. Faith does not exist apart from relationship with God. Faith does not come from a set of beliefs and preferences faith comes from God (Romans 10:17; 12:3). The faith that God supplies is the faith that God demands. He demands that we believe in His power and authority but more than that we must believe in His love for us (1 John 4:16). What springs up from this love relationship is an obedience that is pleasing in His sight. When we do those things that are pleasing in His sight then whatever we ask He will do it (1 John 3:22; John 15:16). God is the only one that can give faith and it does not work unless we are willing to absolutely trust Him. Of course there is no real evaluation of faith and confidence towards God when everything is going in a beneficial way but what happens when things get difficult and even become impossible? Who then will we turn to? In fear and panic we will turn to man for help but if we are willing

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26- There is none like the God of Jeshurun<sup>7</sup> who rides heaven for your help and through the skies in His majesty.

27- A refuge is the eternal God even under the everlasting arms. He will drive out the enemy before you and he will say be destroyed!

to abide in His love we will not take our eyes off of our confidence, our sure defense and provider of all that we have need of! Jesus: the author and finisher of our faith.

Without Gods presence our end will be ruin and destruction. Who can afford to do anything but trust God for He alone has the words of eternal life. He alone can truly deliver us from the plague of death! There is no safthy outside of God there is no cure outside of His healing power, only God can save us. He is a faithful God who will do all that He has promised! When God tries and examines our faith it is not for our destruction but for our perfection and maturity. God desires our faith to increase and to be found with no impurity of fear. God desires to remove every doubt from our life and bring us into great boldness and confidence in Him. He desires our faith to be found unto praise honor and glory at His appearing (1 Peter 1:7). Therefore, no matter how late the hour no matter how intense the situation do not turn to man turn to God and put your whole life safely in His hands!

Adam chose to walk away from God and join in league with Satan. Yet the Father did not forsake Him but came calling his name. Although man hid in sin and shame God in His love searched him out. He revealed a way back into relationship with Him through the garments His hands made to cloth them. The blood poured out, a testimony given of a new and living way. God is the champion of mans salvation so just harken to His voice and He will come and save! God has opened the door that all men can return to Him. Through Christ Jesus we can return by calling on His name. He will come and help us! He is the God of Jeshurun, which means the upright one. If we will desire His ways and His will then He will change us and cause us to be upright too.

In this world we are inundated with wickedness on every side. Satan and his forces are determined to overpower us and destroy our souls. But if we lift up our voice to God and tell Him that we only want His ways, the things of righteousness, purity and truth then He will take up our cause and He will come and save. God will defend, He will come around us with His host. He will tend His flock like a shepherd He will gather the lambs in His arms and carry us close to His heart... (Isaiah 40:11). God Almighty is the divine warrior He will drive out all of our enemies and teach us the beauty of His ways. Those who are to strong for us do not stand a chance against His mighty outstretched arm and power to defend! All the foes that would attempt to keep us from living in God's plan will fall as those of old who stood against the children of Israel (Exodus 34:11; Deuteronomy 4:38; 7:22; 9:3-5). As long as we will stand in His anointing and obey His command no power will be able to overthrow us or pluck us from His hand.