

The Call to Remember
Deut 8:11-17
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of remembering God.

- Intro:
1. In Deuteronomy 8 God gives a warning to Israel.
 2. He gives them a reminder & reasons to never forget Him.
 3. We will see that we too would do well to always “remember” God in all things.

I. Israel’s testing & discipline while in the wilderness

- A. Humbled by hardship & love through correction
1. What God did (**v.1-3a**)
 2. The reason why is in verse **3b**.
- B. God’s provisions (v.4-5)
1. Physical care (**v.4**)
 2. Love through correction (**v.5**)

II. Israel’s test while in the wilderness

- A. God’s provided blessings
1. The condition of God’s blessings (**v.6**)
 2. The blessings that would accompany their faithfulness to Him (**v.7-9**)
- B. If in time you forget me...
1. Warning about forgetting God in the midst of prosperity (**v.10**)
 - a. The warning included not forgetting who gave them these blessings (**v.10b**)
 2. Do not allow blessings to cause you to forget me when you are:
 - a. Full of food and have beautiful homes (**v.11-12**)
 - b. When your cattle is numerous, when your finances are great and everything you have multiples (**v.13**)
 - c. When you think in your mind you are secure and prosperous & forget Me (**v.14-15**)
 3. Do not forget your freedom & trials
 - a. God reminds them that in the end all was for their good (**v.16**)
 4. Do not forget me & depend on yourself (**v.17**)
 5. God reminds them everything is from Him, EVERYTHING (**v.18**)
 6. If you forget me, you will perish (**v.19**)
 - a. God makes it clear what will happen.
 - b. He also reminds them why (**v.20**)

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. We sin when we forget our Awesome God.
1. We must not forget what God has done for us
 - a. The sacrifice of His Son (**Jn 3:16b**)
 - b. The hope of Heaven (**John 3:16c**)
 - c. His love in general (**John 3:16a**)

2. How can man forget such great blessings.
 - a. Unfortunately man does forget and quite easily (**Ex 32:1**)
- B. What happens if we forget God today?
 1. If we forget God we become unfaithful to Him.
 2. The unfaithful will not be in Heaven, thus the unfaithful will die a spiritual death.
(**Rev 21:8**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. We today can & should apply the warning God gave Israel.
2. Let us never forget God. Not only is it sinful. It is shameful.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9