

## SERMON SUMMARY

<b>Date:</b> July 8, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
<b>Preacher:</b> Rev. Donald Lawrence	<b>Reference:</b> Deuteronomy 8:1-20
<b>Topic:</b> Grasping Our Lord's Desire... For Living in a Nation of Great Fortune - Enhancement	

Many see poverty and hardship as manifestations of sin in a world that God has filled with bounty. This usually means that some are suffering from the selfish excesses of others. However, how many see the danger of enjoying the abundance of the earth, without true reverence for the maker and sustainer of the earth?



The Book of Deuteronomy records through Moses, the instructions of The Lord for His people, that all may go well with them as they entered the Promised Land. To that end they are called upon to consider their **history, help, hope** and **hell** if they forget what The Lord has done for them.

In verses 1-5, the Lord exercises Discipline through His:

- ✦ Commands (verse 1)
- ✦ Course (verse 2)
- ✦ Consignment (verse 3)
- ✦ Conservation (verse 4)
- ✦ Character (verse 5)

This is a call for a heart that is pure. We need to acknowledge the Wisdom of God because he desires a people of character.

As seen in verses 6-9, The Lord expects Dedication:

- ✦ Verse 6 - Through Reverence for His:
  - precepts
  - path
  - person
- ✦ Verse 7 - For the Refreshing Land
- ✦ Verse 8 - For the Resourceful Land

This is a call for a heart that is purposeful. We need to adhere to the Word of God because the Lord desires a people of commitment.

Verses 10-18 remind us that the Lord execrates Deceit for His:

- ✦ Goodness bestowed (verse 10)
- ✦ Guidance bestowed (verse 11)
- ✦ Growth bestowed (verses 12-17)
- ✦ Grace bestowed (verse 18)

A heart full of praises is the call, which should move to appreciate the Works of God. The Lord desires a people of celebration.

In verses 19-20, we see that the Lord envelopes in Destruction those who Forget Him and those who Follow after other gods. This is a call for a heart that is protected. We need to be alerted to a day coming where there will be a Whipping b God. The Lord desires a people of consciousness.

The Lord is not to be trifled with for He holds all accountable for His grace and their false claims. Let us give the Lord His due and forsake deceit.