

Deuteronomy 8

v1 – command	(verb)	order; instruction
v1 – increase	(verb)	make something become larger in amount
v1 – possess	(verb)	have; own
v1 – oath	(noun)	a solemn pronouncement of truth, or promise to act
v1 – ancestors	(noun)	people in earlier generations who are related to you
v2 – wilderness	(noun)	an area of land that has not been used to grow crops or does not have towns and roads on it
v2 – humble	(verb)	cause someone not to be proud or arrogant
v3 – hunger	(noun)	the feeling you have when you need to eat
v3 – manna	(noun)	a food that God provided for the Israelites during their travels in the desert.
v4 – swell	(verb)	become larger and rounder than usual
v5 – disciplines	(verb)	corrects; trains in the right way to behave
v6 – observe	(verb)	obey or follow instructions
v6 – obedience	(noun)	the act of doing what you are told to do
v6 – revering	(verb)	feeling deep respect or admiration for someone
v7 – streams	(noun)	small rivers; water that flows naturally along a route formed by a channel cut into rock or ground



v7 – springs	(noun)	natural outflows of water from the ground, which form the start of streams
v7 – valleys	(noun)	areas of low land between hills or mountains, often with a river running through it



v8 – wheat (noun) a plant whose grain is used for making flour



v8 – barley (noun) a tall plant grass with long straight hairs growing from the head of each stem, which is grown for food



v8 – pomegranates (noun) a round thick skinned fruit containing a mass of red seeds and a lot of juice



v9 –scarce (adjective) not easy to find or get

v9 – copper (noun) a chemical element that is brown metal, used now especially for making wire and coins



v10 – satisfied (adjective) pleased because you have got what you want and need

v10 – praise (verb) express respect, honour and thanks to God

v11 – failing (verb) being unsuccessful in doing something

v11 – decrees (noun) official statements that something must happen

v12 – settle down (phrasal verb) become familiar with a place and feel happy and confident in it

v13 – herds (noun) large groups of animals of the same type that live and feed together

v13 – flocks (noun) groups of sheep living together

v14 –slavery (noun) the situation where someone has total control over you and you must do what they tell you

v15 – vast (adjective) extremely big

v15 – dreadful	(adjective)	very bad, of very low quality or shocking and very sad
v15 – thirsty	(adjective)	needing to drink
v15 – venomous	(adjective)	poisonous
v17 – strength	(noun)	the ability to do things that need a lot of physical or mental effort
v17 – wealth	(noun)	a large amount of money or valuable things that someone has
v18 – covenant	(noun)	a binding agreement or contract; a promise
v19 – worship	(verb)	to have or show a strong feeling for God
v19 – testify	(verb)	speak seriously about something, especially in a law court, or to provide proof that something is true
v20 – nations	(noun)	country, especially thought of as a large group of people living in one area with their own culture

Deuteronomy 8 (New International Reader's Version)

Make sure you obey every command I'm giving you today. Then you will live, and there will be many of you. You will enter the land and take it as your own. It's the land the LORD promised to your people of long ago. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way. He guided you in the desert for these 40 years. He wanted to take your pride away. He wanted to test you to know what was in your hearts. He wanted to see whether you would obey his commands. ³ He took your pride away. He let you go hungry. Then he gave you manna to eat. You and your parents had never even known anything about manna before. He tested you to teach you that man doesn't live only on bread. He also lives on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothes didn't wear out during these 40 years. Your feet didn't swell. ⁵ Here is what I want you to know in your hearts. The LORD your God guides you, just as parents' guide their children.

⁶ Obey the commands of the LORD your God. Live as he wants you to live. Have respect for him. ⁷ The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land. It has brooks, streams and deep springs of water. Those springs flow in its valleys and hills. ⁸ It has wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey. ⁹ There is plenty of food in that land. You will have everything you need. Its rocks have iron in them. And you can dig copper out of its hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God. Praise him for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Make sure you don't forget the LORD your God. Don't fail to obey his commands, laws and rules. I'm giving them to you today. ¹² But suppose you don't obey his commands. And suppose you have plenty to eat. You build fine houses and live in them. ¹³ The number of your herds and flocks increases. You also get more and more silver and gold. And everything you have multiplies. ¹⁴ Then your hearts will become proud. And you will forget the LORD your God. The LORD brought you out of Egypt. That's the land where you were slaves. ¹⁵ He led you through that huge and terrible desert. It was a dry land. It didn't have any water. It had poisonous snakes and scorpions. The LORD gave you water out of solid rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the desert. Your people had never even known anything about manna before. The LORD took your pride away. He tested you. He did it so that things would go well with you in the end. ¹⁷ You might say to yourself, "My power and my strong hands have made me rich." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God. He gives you the ability to produce wealth. That shows he stands by the terms of the covenant he made with you. He promised it to your people of long ago. And he's still faithful to his covenant today.

¹⁹ Don't forget the LORD your God. Don't serve other gods. Don't worship them and bow down to them. I am a witness against you today that if you do, you will certainly be destroyed. ²⁰ You will be destroyed just like the nations the LORD your God is destroying to make room for you. That's what will happen if you don't obey him.

Matthew 4:1-11

v1 – the Spirit	(proper noun)	the Holy Spirit. Christians believe in one God who is three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
v2 – tempted	(verb)	caused to want to do something that is wrong
v3 – ‘the tempter’	(noun)	the person who leads someone to want to do what is wrong. In this passage the tempter is Satan, the enemy of God and his people.
v3 – stones	(noun)	rocks
v5 – the devil	(noun)	the enemy of God’s people. Also called ‘Satan’.
v6 – strike	(verb)	hit something as you are falling
v8 – splendour	(noun)	the beautiful and impressive appearance of something
v10 – Satan	(proper noun)	the enemy of God’s people
v11 – attended	(verb)	cared for

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¹ The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert. There the devil tempted him.² After 40 days and 40 nights of going without eating, Jesus was hungry.³ The tempter came to him. He said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘Man must not live only on bread. He must also live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city. He had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. It is written,

“The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you.
They will lift you up in their hands.
Then you won’t trip over a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written, ‘Do not test the Lord your God.’ ”

⁸ Finally, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain. He showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ “If you bow down and worship me,” he said, “I will give you all this.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Get away from me, Satan! It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left Jesus. Angels came and took care of him.

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