

Sermon Outline

DO NOT FORGET THE LORD! | Qian Tan

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 8

CONSEQUENCES OF FORGETTING

THE BACKGROUND OF DEUTERONOMY 8

Moses = God's chosen mediator

Ancient Israelite Community = the same community that God saved from Egypt and whom God chose to be his people, starting with their ancestor Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-3

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 15:5-7

⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. ⁷He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

Three main aspects of God's promise with Abraham: descendants, land, and to be both a receiver and source of God's blessings.

One thing needs to be clear to us: the failure of the Israelites to remember God and to trust and follow his words led to death and the inability to enjoy the land that God had promised.

POINT 1: God Disciplines His People (vv.2-5)

- Despite the impossibility of the desert, God faithfully provided for Israel and helped them to persevere throughout their wandering in the desert, and he did so simply by speaking.
- God actively participated in the lives of his people.

POINT 2: Abundance and the Dangers of Forgetting God (vv.6-18)

- The abundance of the land

Amidst the abundant blessings, a present danger

- Forgetting God also means failing to observe his commands, laws, and decrees
- Listening and obeying God's word is of ultimate importance

POINT 3: A Decision between Life and Death (vv.19-20)

- Forgetting God will certainly lead to destruction

BRIDGING THE TIMES

Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- A temptation much deeper than bread
- Jesus and Deuteronomy 8

APPLICATION

- What about Deuteronomy 8 drives our passion and love for Jesus?
- Remembering God and his word

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

What can be your "doorframe"?