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Test of Allegiance 2- Part 1

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ISRAEL'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

“Shema” in Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Love the LORD with all of who you are.

ISRAEL'S TEST OF ALLEGIANCE

Second of three in Deuteronomy 8

“TESTING”

Lean & Plenty
(vs.2-10) & (vs.11-18)

*People in both situations in this room.
The text warns that both can be dangerous.*

“REMEMBER”

The answer to the test.

WILDERNESS TIMES

Throughout scripture people encounter God in the wilderness.

WHY?

#1 TO HUMBLE YOU

#2 TO KNOW WHO YOU SERVE

TEMPTATIONS TO DISOBEDIENCE

**GOD WEARS AWAY LAYERS
SO YOU CAN DISCOVER
THE ROCK UNDERNEATH THE SAND**

The word of God commands and provides. (vs.3-4)

**TRIALS SHIFT YOU MORE ONTO THE
ROCK AND OFF OF THE SAND.**

Tim Keller

**#3 KNOW IN YOUR HEART THAT
GOD IS YOUR FATHER**

Recalling 1:31, discover God as Father, carrying you as a son.

FATHER'S TESTING

*Not to weed out the weak.
But to strengthen the weak.
Not to accept (love) you.
But because he accepts (loves) you.*

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

*A misunderstanding of who this person is,
a trainer or a secretary*

“EVERYTHING IS NECESSARY THAT HE SENDS. NOTHING CAN BE NECESSARY THAT HE WITHHOLDS.”

John Newton

BY **LIVING** AS HE WANTS
& BY [A **DEEP RESPECT FOR**] HIM

Like hunting rifles & fireplaces.

REALIZE GOD'S GOOD INTENTION AFTER THE TRIALS

(v.7-9) “not scarcity but *sufficiency*” -Christopher Wright

LIVE THE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

*You get the help. God gets the credit (glory).
(v.10)*

“REMEMBER”

Reading in reverse (vs.11-18)

BEWARE of forgetting God when things are good!

BEWARE: SELF-SUFFICIENCY

*God give strength (of mind and body) and opportunity
and resources (v.17-18).*

JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

“This is my beloved son”...now go to the wilderness.

“In the days of his flesh ... Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.”

From the wilderness to Gethsemane to the cross.

(Hebrews 5:7–8, ESV)

HUMANITY LIVES BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD

“Every word” ultimately prepares for, or points back, to the cross (Luke 24).

(thorns & thirst - the only time God did not carry one of his sons)

To forgive our failure and restore right relationship with God.

The (thematic) center is Deuteronomy 8:10

FOR YOU TO WALK HUMBLLY WITH GOD

This is not punishment, this is refining.

(Community Group assignment: consider the implications of Hebrews 12:7-11 for our lives after the cross.)

WHAT IS **LOVE**? WHEN SOMEONE MAKES
MUCH OF **YOU**, OR AT **INFINITE** COST
ENABLES YOU TO MAKE MUCH OF **GOD**.

John Piper

TRUST IN JESUS

*Turn from your sinful rebellion (or forgetting God).
Trust **Jesus** (what he has done, who he is, what he wants)*

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