

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER!

Deuteronomy 8:1-20 // April 17, 2022 PM

I. Humility was the great design of the wilderness (vv. 1-10).

A. Lesson one: God's powerful hand gives life.

B. Lesson two: God's powerful word gives life.

II. Pride is the great danger of the promised land (vv. 11-20).

A. Lie one: Man's powerful hand gives life.

B. Lie two: Man's powerful word gives life.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is Israel's greatest danger as they prepare to conquer Canaan?
2. Moses says the purpose of the wilderness was to humble this generation of Israelites. What is humility? Why does Israel need it?
3. What lessons did God teach Israel through the manna? How did the manna teach them to live upon God's word?
4. How does prosperity peculiarly tempt us to pride? Give some examples of what this might look like.
5. Who is our heavenly bread? How does our feasting upon Him relate to our reception of His words?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I tend to think of the devil or the world as my greatest danger? Or do I recognize that my greatest danger lies in my own chest—the pride that clings to me by nature?
2. Do I view the blessings of life and the life to come as grounds of self-boasting? Or do they lead me to boast in God alone?
3. Am I learning to live upon every word that comes from the mouth of God? How central is God's word in my life?