

**Remembering God in Our Prosperity**  
**Deuteronomy 8**  
**April 24, 2024**

**1. Remembering God Leads Me to Humility :: vv. 2-4**

We must be willing to trust that God's way is better than my way.

We must be willing to humbly admit that we are wrong and God is right.

- Ephesians 4:23

We must be willing to turn away from our way and turn toward God's way.

- Ephesians 4:22, 24

We must acknowledge that God is our provider and sustainer

**2. Remembering God Leads Me to Obedience :: vv. 5-6**

Humility leads to obedience.

Verse 5 - God considered Israel his son, so he disciplined them by setting on the path to success.

- Train tracks analogy

**3. Remember God's Goodness :: vv. 7-10**

The description of God's good land would have been motivation for them to obey

They had been going through a very difficult time, and many years of it, but they must remember that ultimately God is good.

- James 1:13, 17

God has good purposes in our trials - Romans 8:28-29

- When we set our mind on what God is doing, it helps us to view our trials differently :: Genesis 50:20 & Joseph

#### **4. Remember that You Need God's Sustenance Every Day :: vv. 11-18**

##### Positive Memories

Remember from where your wealth came.

- Material prosperity brings with it the danger of pride...that we don't need God because we did all this ourselves.
  
- Material prosperity leads me to have a heart lifted up with feelings of false satisfaction and self-sufficiency.
  - Luke 12:15-21 - The man who built bigger barns and then relaxed.
  
- Material prosperity leads us to forget our need for God.

##### Negative Memories

Not everything in the wilderness was good though. They were bitten by fiery serpents and only saved when they looked to God's provision of the bronze serpent.

#### **5. Remember That There are Consequences for Disobedience and Forgetfulness :: vv. 19-20**