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Shabbat Message

## **Ekev / *Because* / עֵקֶב**

**Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25**

## **My Way or Yah's Way Series**

**Yehovah our Provider!**

### **Introduction**

Deuteronomy 8 provides a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and provision. The Israelites are instructed to remember how God led them through the wilderness for forty years, humbling and testing them, and ultimately providing for their needs. The chapter is rich with lessons applicable to our lives today, revealing the importance of humility, trust, and gratefulness

towards God.

## **Elohim's Testing Refines His people**

### **Deuteronomy 8:2**

1. Deuteronomy 8:2 expresses how Elohim led His people through the wilderness to humble and test them in order to know what was in their hearts.
2. This echoes Proverbs 17:3 which says, The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but Yehovah tests the heart.
3. It's a reminder that trials and testing in our lives are allowed by Elohim to strengthen our our faith and draw us closer to him (James 1:2-4).

## **Dependence on Elohim for Provision**

### **Deuteronomy 8:3**

1. In Deuteronomy 8:3, the Israelites are reminded that they relied on Elohim to provide Manna for them.
2. This lesson of dependence is still relevant today. Yeshua, in Matthew 4:4, quoted this verse when tempted by the devil, emphasizing our need to rely on Elohim's Word for our spiritual nourishment.
3. Similarly, Philippians 4:19 confirms that Elohim will supply every need according to His

riches in Messiah Yeshua.

## **Elohim's Faithful Provision**

### **Deuteronomy 8:4**

1. Deuteronomy 8:4 testifies of Elohim's miraculous provision, assuring that their clothes didn't wear out, not did their feet swell during the 40 years of the wilderness.
2. This aligns with Matthew 6:25-34, where Yeshua encourages not to worry about our material needs.
3. This emphasizes Elohim's faithful provision.

## **The Consequences of Forgetting Elohim**

### **Deuteronomy 8:11-14**

1. Verses 11-14 warns against the danger of forgetting Elohim when we are experience prosperity.
2. This concern is echoed in Hosea 13:6 which states "When they had their fill, they became proud and forgot me.
3. This passage teaches us against self sufficiency and pride, reminding us to give thanks to Elohim who gives us the ability to produce wealth. (Deuteronomy 8:18).

# The Importance of Obedience

## Deuteronomy 8:19-20

1. The closing verses of this chapter underscore the importance of obedience to Elohim's commands.
2. Failure to obey Yehovah , the Israelites are warned, will lead to destruction.
3. In the Brit Chadasha, Yeshua also stresses the importance of obedience in John 14:15 saying if you love me keep my commandments.

## Take Away

1. Deuteronomy 8, serves as a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and our dependence on Him.
2. It teaches valuable lessons about the necessity of humility, obedience, and trust in God, as well as the dangers of pride and self-sufficiency.
3. Applying these lessons to our lives keeps us grounded in our faith, humbly acknowledging our dependence on God's provision and His guiding hand in every circumstance. In every season of life, may we echo the words of Deuteronomy 8:2, remembering and acknowledging God's faithfulness through every trial and blessing.

## Application

1. I will be thankful to Yehovah for all of His provisions that He has given me throughout my life.
2. I will be consistent to fight against Pride and Self Sufficiency and completely rely on Yehovah.
3. I will continue to follow Yeshua's commandments according to John 14:15.

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