

Study Guide

Sunday September 6, 2020

“Trying Times”

1. → Deuteronomy 8:2-3; 15-17

*Remember how the Lord your God **led** you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and **test** you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands . . . He **led** you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and **test** you so that in the end it might go well with you.*

2. Points to Remember

- A. Temptation merely exposes where the weaknesses are in our flesh.
- B. The stronger the foundation the better we stand up under trails.
- C. It is during trying times that our character is shaped and developed.
- D. If we are never tested we'll never know where we need to grow.
- E. We all have trials; it is how we respond to them that matters.
- F. No matter where He leads us, it is His love that carries us through.

3. Bible Verses

James 1:13-15	For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone
Luke 8:13	In the time of testing they fall away
James 1:2-4	Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials
Matthew 26:41	The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak
1 Corinthians 10:13	He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear
James 1:12	Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial

4. Discussion Questions

- A. What is the greatest temptation you face in your life?
- B. How has the pandemic been testing your personal limits?
- C. How is it that we help each other get through these times?