

Sample Responses for Deuteronomy 8 | Lane Patikas and Laurin Maddux

Structure

From Lane:

REMEMBER THE LORD

- Verse 1: Moses calls the Israelites to follow God's commandments in order that they may prosper and increase in order to enter the land God has promised their ancestors.
- Verse 2: Moses calls the people of Israel to: **REMEMBER** the faithfulness of the Lord leading them out of the wilderness, providing for them daily in order to test their obedience.
- Verses 3–5: Moses exhorts the Israelites to: **REMEMBER** God humbled His people in the wilderness in order that they would **REMEMBER** that it is He and He alone who sustains them and loves them, disciplining them to, “walk in His ways and fear Him”.
- Verses 6–10: Moses pleads with the Israelites to **REMEMBER** to follow God and keep His commands. **REMEMBER** it is God who has taken His people from the desert and is bringing them to a land full of blessings.

DO NOT FORGET THE LORD

- Verses 11–17: Moses instructs: **DO NOT FORGET** God's commandments. **DO NOT FORGET** it is God who blesses you and led you out of the wilderness and only by God's might and power are you able to flourish and prosper.
- Verses 18–20: Moses warns: **DO NOT FORGET** God is the sustainer and giver of all things. **DO NOT FORGET** it is God and God alone who you are to worship and not obeying and following Him leads to destruction and death.

From Laurin:

- 1 The consequence of obedience to God's test: to be refined, live, and flourish as God's people
- 2–10 Two contexts of God's test: in want and in plenty
- 2–5: **Past test** of Israel's heart in the wilderness and God's provision
 - 6–10: **Future test** of Israel's heart in the promised land and God's provision
- 11–18 Two responses to God's test: forgetting and remembering
- 11–17: Forgetfulness and pride (death)
 - 18: Remembering and humility (life)
- 19–20 The consequence of disobedience to God's test: to perish as those who did not know Him.

Unifying-Theme Sentence

From Lane: Moses warns the Israelites to **REMEMBER** and **NOT FORGET** the commandments and statutes the Lord has given them in order to live a life full of blessings and prosperity in a land, “flowing with milk and honey”, promised to them by a faithful and loving God.

From Laurin: At all times, in want and in abundance, be careful to remember and obey the whole commandment the Lord has given you so that you may live, lest you pridefully forget and serve yourself and other gods and perish.

Author's Aim Sentence

From Lane: Moses aims to remind His listeners of God's faithfulness and provision, exhorting them not to forget God's commandments and statutes, remembering it is God who led them out of a life of slavery, sustained them in the wilderness for 40 years, humbled them by testing them and warns the people of Israel to guard against pride and arrogance, always recognizing God as the giver of all good things.

From Laurin: Moses' aim is for Israel to remember, and not forget, the faithfulness of the Lord in his provision for them, both plenty and in want, so that they may keep the whole commandment and live instead of ignoring his Word and perish.