



“Longsuffering”

God’s Dealings with Man
Deuteronomy 9:7-14

God is:

I. Provokable –“In Horeb ye provoked the Lord to wrath”(vs. 7-8)

Being provoked when we are:

A. Untrusting - “*provoked the Lord thy God...in the wilderness*”

B. Ungrateful – “*from the day that thou did depart...Egypt*”

C. Unfaithful – “*ye have been rebellious against the Lord*”

II. Precise –“tables of stone written with the finger of God” (vs. 9-11)

Being precise about:

A. Duration - “*forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat...drink*”

B. Direction – “*all the words the Lord spake with you in the mount*”

C. Distribution – “*the Lord gave me the two tables of stone*”

III. Patient – “I have seen this people...stiffnecked” (vs. 12-14)

Being patient with our:

A. Deliverance - “*thou has brought forth out of Egypt*”

B. Disobedience – “*quickly turned aside out of the way*”

C. Development – “*I will make of thee a great nation...mightier*”

Sentence Sermon

*“The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;
slow to anger, and of great mercy.” Psalm 145:8*

Additional Verses

- **Galatians 6:7-9**
- **II Peter 3:9, 15**
- **Stiff-necked**
 - **Exodus 32:9; 33:3, 5; 34:9**
 - **Deuteronomy 9:6,13; 10:16; 31:27**
 - **II Chronicles 30:8**
 - **Acts 7:51**
- **Romans 2:4**
- **Philippians 1:6**
- **Exodus 34:5-8**
- **Ecclesiastes 8:11**
- **Acts 17:30**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why didn't Moses want the people to forget how they provoked the Lord?
4. What is unique about the provoking at Horeb compared to the wilderness?
5. Where in the Bible is God making the covenant with the people of Israel?
6. Why did Moses go 40 days and nights without food or water? How?
7. What can we draw from God writing the 10 commandments with His finger?
8. Why did God write on tables of stone? What message did it send?
9. Why do you think the people or Aaron wanted a golden calf of all things?
10. Did God really intend to destroy Israel for their moral failure? Explain v. 14
11. How would you rate your stiff-neckedness from 1 to 10, 10 being highest?