



“Affliction of Affluence”

*Losing Perspective
Deuteronomy 8:11-20*

It affects our view of:

I. Prosperity – “thy silver and thy gold is multiplied” (vs.11-14)

You forget about God’s:

A. Divinity - “Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God”

B. Desires – “His commandments...judgements...statutes”

C. Deliverance – “which brought thee out of the land of Egypt”

II. Pride – “that He might humble thee” (vs. 15-17)

You forget He provides:

A. Water - “who brought forth water out of the rock of flint”

B. Wafers – “fed thee in the wilderness with manna”

C. Wealth – “mine hand hath gotten me this wealth”

III. Power – “for it is He that gives you power” (vs. 18-20)

You forget God has ordered your:

A. Way - “walk after other gods”

B. Work – “and serve them”

C. Worship – “and worship them”

Sentence Sermon

“When God blesses us with material riches it gives us the opportunity to prove material riches are not our god.”

Additional Verses

- ***II Peter 1:3***
- ***Luke 18:25***
- ***Matthew 6:19-33***
- ***Proverbs 30:7-9***
- ***Hosea 13:4-6***
- ***Psalms 106:21-27***
- ***Jeremiah 2:6-8***
- ***Philippians 4:19***
- ***Proverbs 10:22***
- ***II Corinthians 9:8***
- ***Mark 8:30***

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Who is this passage directed towards? Explain why it is important to know?
4. What are the signs or symptoms of someone who has forgotten God?
5. Does verse 12 describe your standard of living? Has it always been so?
6. Does your standard of living cause a conflict of values sometimes? Explain.
7. What are some ways you remind yourself how dependent you are on God?
8. How does any believer end up going after other gods? What is the pattern?
9. What is assumed about a person who might fall away from the truth?
10. What are the positives and negatives of being an affluent Christian?
11. What gods has the United States been going after in recent days?