

*THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ~ March 27, 2011*



## **“God Owns it All”**

**Deuteronomy 10:10-18**

### **A WORD FROM SETH...**

Stewardship is our topic of this 5-week series called “Momentum.” In order for us to be good stewards of what we’ve been given, we must remember that every good and perfect gift is from above (**James 1:17**)

In Deuteronomy 10, Moses is speaking to a group of Israelites who travelled through the wilderness of Sinai and are on the Plains of Moab, waiting to enter the Promised Land of Canaan. As they wait to enter the prosperous land flowing with milk and honey, Moses calls them to reflect upon God’s provisions in the past. As they remember His blessings, it would equip them to better manage what He’s given them in the present and future.

Just as Moses challenged his people to do this in his day, so God exhorts us today to remember His blessings so that we can properly manage what we have been given.



## KNOWING GOD

Read **Deuteronomy 8:1-20**. How did God provide for the Israelites? Why was it important for them to be reminded of this? Why is this important for us today?

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In the opening of the passage (**v. 11**), we are warned not to forget (a passive act). In the end of the passage (**v. 18**), we are called to remember (an active act). Why is it so easy to forget & so difficult to remember?

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Where sufficiency often generates praise, surplus often generates pride. How do we see pride working in this passage? Read **Proverbs 8:13 & 16:18-19**. What does God say about pride?

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## GROWING TOGETHER

As you reflect upon the past, how has God provided for you? How is He providing for you today?

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In verses 11-14, we see that it can be easier to praise God in suffering than in success. Why is this often the case? Has this happened before in your life? If so, explain.

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## **SERVING OTHERS**

Pride often leads to a covetous heart and a critical spirit. Instead of comparing your abilities with someone else, how can you encourage your neighbor this week to use their God-given gifts for His Christ & His cause? Spend some time discussing ways to lift up those around you instead of tearing them down.

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## **IN YOUR FAMILY...**

- a) Talk about all of the things God has provided for you in the past week. What resources has He provided? What friends has He put in your life? What skills and abilities has He given each of you?
- b) Spend some time in prayer as a family, praising God for all that He has created and giving thanks to Him for all that He has given us. Ask the Lord to make you humble when things are going well & to build your confidence when times are tough.

# **SERMON NOTES**