

# Day 9



## **Scriptural Background:** Deut 8

*"17 Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day."*  
Deut 8:17–18

Here we find the people of Israel on the cusp of entering the Land of Promise. After enumerating all the many blessings the people are about to experience, Moses advises them that they will be tempted to forget the LORD. Instead, they will foolishly act as if they have produced this great state of affairs themselves, doing so in the very moment of enjoying what *God* has given them. We, of course, face this same temptation—even acting as if our salvation is something *we* have brought about. Significantly, when Jesus faced His own period of temptation in the wilderness, He repeatedly quoted Scriptures from this section in Deuteronomy (Matt 4). He is the One who never forgot the LORD His God, the Father, and He perfectly passed the test in our place. In Him alone are all the blessings of God secured and confirmed. In Him alone do we enter the true Land of Promise. Let us never forget that.

### **Prayer:**

*"Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it." How this heart of mine wants to keep turning back to look on myself. Thank You for being the Lord who ushers me into all Your promises. I remember this day that when I do anything, the very ability to do it comes from You. Help me always to remember that. For Your Glory, I pray. Amen.*