

Session Four Show Notes:

### **Why should I give up control and trust God to care for me?**

Deut 8:2-3 "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you [and] test you, to know what [was] in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every [word] that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. (NKJV)

These seem to relate to Christ's temptation in the desert.

These are the three areas that we are also tempted in:

**Materially:** Deut. 8:3

**Spiritually:** Deu 6:16 "You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted [Him] in Massah." (NKJV)

**Fear and worship of God:** Deu 6:13 "You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name." (NKJV)

Jerry Bridges: Deut. 8:3: Misunderstood what this means. Does "Word" refer to the written word? (yes in many ways) or does it mean the Word of God refer to the providence of God, the provision of God, the plans of God. This is one way God has of taking care of us. He thus cares for us both by both the bread and the Word (provision of God)

Two ways God takes care of us:

**Bread:** seen, understood or comprehended, controlled by us

**Word (provision of God):** not seen, not understood, not controlled by us (like the Manna)

He directs our lives by these two ways: one is that which we can see, comprehend and have some degree of control. The other way he directs our lives is by His provision which can not be seen, comprehended or controlled by us. He provides for us day by day and continually in both of these ways.

Story of his hospitalization. He was tempted to exert control over an area that is not his to do. It was the Lord's desire to work by faith.

*We must ask ourselves, "Do we control our life only by what we can see and understand?" If so, I may miss what the Lord has for me as He provides for me according to His desires and plans.*