The Way of Blessing

(Deuteronomy 8:1-3)

**I. Background**

**II. The “Way of Blessing” involved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s Word (v. 1)**

(Deut. 28:1-6) (Luke 11:27-28) (James 1:25) (Phil. 2:6-10) (Rom. 8:18)

**III. The “Way of Blessing” involved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s leading and especially His purposes therein (vs. 2-3):**

A. To produce genuine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in His people (v. 2a)

B. To help the Israelites know their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2b)

(Prov. 4:23) (Matt. 15:19) (Deut. 1:26-28)

C. To develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s Word (v. 3)

(Ex. 16:4) (Matt. 6:31-33) (Matt. 4:1-4) (Deut. 8:5-7)

**IV. Application of God’s Word to our lives**

**Points to Ponder**

* Remembrance of “wilderness experiences” is an important part of the way of blessing. What lessons has God taught you through your wilderness experiences? How did our Lord use these experiences to produce obedience and humility?
* God also uses “wilderness experiences” to reveal what is really going on in our hearts so that we might know His way of blessing. Think of a trial you experienced this past year. What were your unrehearsed outward responses during these trials? What do those responses teach you about what was going on in your heart (desires and thinking), whether good or bad?