

“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills. It is a land of wheat and barley; of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates; of olive oil and honey. It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking. It is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills.” Deuteronomy 8:7-9 NLT

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Plenty! Maybe when you think of luxury living or posh vacations you think of a time share in Maui or similar. When God thinks about plenty, it's more than just a temporary getaway, it's sustainable. Moses records the basic God provides starting with the most critical for survival in a desert community - WATER. Where there is water there is life. They “gush” out in the valleys and hills. Next is stable basic food sources like wheat and barley, then fruits, then oil and honey. God described this promised place as a land flowing with milk and honey! But then Moses includes the necessities of building a sustainable future, where Iron, stone and copper are abundant in the hills. Being “in” the hills required WORK to get them “out” of the hills, but there was enough to build a nation. God always provides plenty, and not just basics, or goodies, he gives us what we need to build if we will commit to the hard work of mining for our future. What has God provided (in plenty) that needs to be mined to build a sustainable future?

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Dad,

I loved finding this nugget of truth in Deuteronomy of all places. I loved talking about this when it came to fundraising for Royal Family KIDS. Just the idea that some things are given and granted, like water. Others have to be planned out and planted, like crops and fruit trees. Beyond that, some things had to be surveyed, discovered, dug for and then mined out, which is much harder work but worth it. Yet, you are still our provider and you do so with plenty!

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root