

Harvest 1st October 2023

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Luke 12: 16-30

- Compare the passage from Deuteronomy with the second part of the passage from Luke (i.e. St. Luke 12: 22-30). In what ways do these passages declare the generosity of God?
- Compare the passage from Deuteronomy with the first part of the passage from Luke (i.e. Luke 12: 16-20). How many times does the word “my” appear in these passages?
- Compare the summarising verses Deuteronomy 8:19 and Luke 12:21.

In what way do these two verses mirror each other?

- What particular relationship of man upon God do both these passages emphasize?

What are the consequences of acknowledging this relationship?

What are the consequences of disowning this relationship?

- What light do these passages throw upon famines in our world today?
- When shopping in the supermarket, do you buy something extra to contribute to the food bank?



The Mediterranean Triad

Background

Compare Deuteronomy 8: 8 and Psalm 4: 8.

Both passages summarise the “Mediterranean Triad” (corn, wine and olive oil) which formed the basic diet of the Mediterranean peoples in Biblical times.

“Almighty and everlasting God, who..... art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord”.