

GRATEFUL



Deut 8:10-18, ESV – ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. 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.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of June 9, 2019

Deut 8:10-18

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that God has given us all that we have and we were given these things for His purposes. What purposes does He have in giving us so much wealth?
- 2 How do we forget where our wealth comes from? What happens when we forget where our wealth comes from?
- 3 How can we safeguard ourselves against forgetfulness and pride?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *Ps 77:11-14, ESV – ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. ¹² I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. ¹³ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? ¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. ¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah*

Ps 103:1-5, ESV – ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

James 1:17, ESV – ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

- 4 When reading passages about remembering God's deeds, we see there are many facets to what we should remember. Identify and discuss the different facets found in the passages above.

5 What are some good and perfect gifts that God has given you and your family? How have you remembered these blessings and shown gratitude toward God?

6 Think about the times that God has blessed you. How was your relationship with God at those time? What was your mindset like? Has there been commonalities between these different experiences? Explain.

B *1 Cor 4:6-7, ESV – ⁶ I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. ⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?*

James 4:4-8, ESV – ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

7 What is the example that Paul is referring to when talking about himself and Apollos?

8 Why does James use such a strong word (adulterous) when describing people who focus on the world instead of God?

9 What solution does James offer for resisting the temptations of the world?

10 How do you “draw near to God?”

TAKING IT HOME

We must remember that everything is God's and He gives to each of us according to His grace, not according to our own righteousness. In response, we are to be grateful stewards, not boastful individuals. What would it look like for you to develop a consistent life of gratitude? What steps do you need to take in order to be less prideful and more grateful?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 42:4
Psalm 78:15
Psalm 103
Psalm 127:1
Phil 4:4, 10
1Tim 6:17