

# The Graduation of Gratitude

Deuteronomy 8:7-10 (11-18)

## Introduction:

**Gratitude** – is really a beautiful word for Praise that is rooted in thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for you and for who He is in your life.

There are 3 Levels of Graduation of Gratitude with key words found in each scripture:

- FOR THE - Deut 8:10
- EVEN THOUGH - Ps 23:4
- BECAUSE OF - Phil 1:17

## I. The Seasons of Life

- a. There is a time and season for everything in life Ecc 3:1
- b. God is bringing you into a good land Deut 8:7-8
- c. If you are willing to dig you can find what you need in this season Deut 8:9
- d. There is a season of Caution Deut 8:10-12

## II. Commencement Speeches

- a. Is meant to provide nuggets of wisdom of what's next to come in the real world
- b. God gave one through Moses
- c. He had experience with God that he could pass on to the people.

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## III. Attitude of Gratitude

- a. Happy people are not the ones who have the best of everything - but they are those who make the most of everything they have
- b. An Attitude of Gratitude doesn't mean you are grateful.
- c. Attitude is a mental state, but without action on the mental state it doesn't translate into grateful life habits.

## IV. Grateful - FOR THE: His Provision Deut 8:10

- a. This is the kiddie table of Christianity
- b. This is what we try to teach our kids - to be thankful for the tangible blessings
- c. This is the basics of Praise - Say the Blessing

## V. Grateful - EVEN THOUGH: His Presence Ps 23:4-5

- a. This is a graduated form of gratitude
- b. This is where to you learn to Praise God and eat with enemies all around you
- c. EVEN THOUGH Recognizes God's presence in the presence of enemies

## VI. Grateful - BECAUSE OF: His Purpose Phil 1:17-18

- a. This is a whole other level of Faith
- b. Here you learn to praise God because of.
- c. Because you know God has a purpose in suffering for you. 1 Thess 5:18
- d. This is maturity in Faith