

**Series: Our Journey Home**  
**Message: An Attitude of Gratitude**  
**Text: Deut 8:11-17 (AM 11/29/09)**

Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to *reflect* on the *goodness* of our great God. James, the half brother of Jesus, reminds us that *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...” (James 1:17)*. In reality, *everyday* is Thanksgiving for the believer. The apostle Paul challenges us to give thanks in *every* situation – both good and bad (1 Thess 5:18). If we’re honest it’s a difficulty to daily walk with an *attitude of gratitude*.

In our text today, Moses is giving his *graduation commencement* to the children of Israel in preparation for their conquest of Canaan. They have been in *Sinai Seminary* for forty years. He knew that the *key to success* in the ensuing struggles would be to *remember* God’s *provision and protection*. To keep our *perspective* in life’s daily struggle we need to live with *An Attitude of Gratitude!*

- I. **Grateful to Belong (11a) – To be known by God**  
*“Do not forget the Lord YOUR God...”*
  
- II. **Grateful for the Bible (11b) – Where we discover God**  
*“Keeping His Commandments, His judgments, and His statutes...”*
  
- III. **Grateful for His Blessings (12-13) – When we enjoy God**  
*“All that you have is multiplied...”*
  
- IV. **Grateful for His Blood (14b) – How we met God**  
*“The Lord your God who brought you out...from...bondage”*
  
- V. **Grateful for Burdens (14a&16b) – How we come to know God**  
*“That He might humble you and...test you, to do you good”*
  - Grateful for Darkness (15a) – That I might see His Way
  - Grateful for Discipline (15b) – That I would stay with Him
  - Grateful for Desperation (15c) – That I might be satisfied in Him
  - Grateful for Deprivation – (16a) That I be sustained by Him

**Application to life:** Even against the backdrop of the current *recession* we would have to conclude that we are *blessed*. It is a time to *consider* all of our blessings and *calibrate* our lives to live daily with *an attitude of gratitude*. God desires to use *every event* in your life *to do you good in the end (16)*!