

**THE AFFLICTION OF AFFLUENCE:  
INGRATITUDE**

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

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Lest we forget to be thankful-verse 19 *Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.*

1. Remember where you came from: **bondage** - (vs. 2 & 14)
  - a. Past **hurts**
  - b. Past **habits**
  - c. Past **sins**
  
2. Remember what God taught you: **dependence**-(vs. 3 & 16)
  - a. That he can bring you **out of trouble**
  - b. That he can feed you **when you can't feed yourself**
  - c. That he can provide **a place of blessing** for which you did not labor
  
3. Remember how God has blessed you: **abundance**-(vs. 7-9)
  - a. A good land
  - b. Fresh water
  - c. Plenteous food
  - d. Natural resources
  - e. **Freedom**
  
4. Remember what God requires of you
  - a. **Obedience** verse 5-6, 11
  - b. **Fear** verse 5-6
  - c. **Worship** verse 10
  - d. **Humility** verse 11-18

Micah 6:8 "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?"

1. Affluence is a bigger **test of our faith** than is poverty.
2. Affluence is a bigger **obstacle to salvation** than is affliction.

A Thanksgiving prayer-Colossians 3:12 "Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, 13 bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you *also* must do . 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to

which you were called in one body, **and be thankful.** 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God and the Father through Him.

