

**Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont**  
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**Lesson # 6 October 4, 2022, to October 9, 2022**

**Unit II:** Out of Slavery to Nationhood

**Topic:** Expressing Thankfulness

**Text:** Deuteronomy 32: 3-6, 10-14, 18

**Key Verse:** “He said unto them, set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law (Deuteronomy 32:46, KJV).”

**Lesson Pointers**

- 1) Forgetting to Remember (Deuteronomy 32:3-6)
- 2) Disregarding God’s Grace (Deuteronomy 32: 10-14, 18)

**Introduction**

Now, by showing that one is not grateful is the inadequate response to an act of kindness, grace, or generosity towards others is and ungrateful person. This is known as an ingratitude person. You see, we have all experienced it or have been guilty of showing it in our lives. This type of ingratitude is dangerous because it begins in the heart of a person. When we fail to acknowledge GOD as our very source of blessings it shows that we are trying to dethrone GOD as the sovereign source of all blessings and to enthrone one’s own self. Ingratitude is a deadly sin because it robs GOD of HIS glory, and divine attribute that GOD will not share with anyone or anything else (Read Isaiah 42:8). So let us praise GOD by showing thankfulness for the things GOD does for us, and not to bite the very hand that fed us.

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- Forgetting to Remember (Deuteronomy 32:3-6)

Our LORD instructed Moses to compose a song, and to teach it unto the people, and to command the people to sing it as a formal accusation against the people (Read Deuteronomy 31:19). The LORD’S song would remind the people that the LORD is gracious, faithful, and desirable above everything else. Moses’s song calls on heaven and earth as witnesses to his words condemning the people of Israel for rejecting the LORD and breaking the covenant (Read Deuteronomy 32:1-2). Now, Moses’ song that the LORD gave unto him begins with praise to the LORD for HIS greatness (Deuteronomy 32:3). Then the song, praise, and highlights the attributes of the LORD’S character that reveals HIS faithfulness (Deuteronomy 32:4). Then the song compares it to the people of Israel future, unfaithfulness, and ingratitude (Deuteronomy 32:5-6). Moses’ song acknowledged the LORD as the Rock, the stable and unchanging one, publicly Moses praised, and showed admiration for the LORD’S attributes that benefit the very believers. Today’s modern church has and are guilty of rejecting the LORD for idols, and for failing to express gratitude but rather shows attitudes and behaviors that dethrone the LORD and exalt

people subtle and elusive ways. Three ways in which the church neglects or show ingratitude towards the LORD. (1) When the church study the LORD'S Word but does not apply the LORD'S Word, and failing to pursue the LORD as top priority. (2) When the church neglect to gather with other believers in fellowship, to encourage, and serve one another (Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of our selves together; as the manner of some is; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching). (3) When the church (we) refuses to make the LORD as our personal Savior; and when our worship, attitudes, and gratitude does not characterize our daily walk with the LORD.

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#### **Lesson Pointer # 2**

- **Disregarding GOD'S Grace (Deuteronomy 32:10-14,18)**

Moses warned the Israelites that it was by the LORD'S grace that the LORD has chosen them to be HIS (The LORD'S) unique inheritance (Deuteronomy 32:10). The LORD'S grace, GOD redemptive act cost everything, brought the Israelites out of Egypt, and came to them in the wilderness of Sinai; when the Israelites were weak and helpless, The LORD'S grace guarded them and protected them (Deuteronomy 32:11). The LORD cared for the Israelites and protected them as they matured (Deuteronomy 32:12). The LORD blessed the Israelites and gave them the land to enjoy in its prosperity. The LORD blessed them with foods and wells of water that they did not dig to drink for them and their flocks, and vineyard that they did not plant. The LORD'S grace favored the Israelites daily (Deuteronomy 32:13-14). So, Moses warned the Israelites that the prosperity that they have come to enjoy would tempt them to become proud, self-sufficient, thinking that they themselves have gotten this wealth, and that they would forget the LORD their GOD. Because of their ingratitude for what the LORD has done, they would be chasten by The LORD (Deuteronomy 32:18). So, the question is how can believers prevent from taking the LORD'S grace for granted? One way, is to, remember, reflect, and remember that the LORD'S grace saved you (Read Ephesians 2:8-9). Another way, is to, look back and reflect on the many blessings that you enjoyed because of The LORD'S grace (Read Psalm 103:1-5). So, let us express gratitude for The LORD'S grace, and for The LORD'S parental or agape love and care for our lives by demonstrating The LORD'S righteousness.

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#### **Nuggets of the Lesson**

- 1) **Remember that The LORD is gracious, merciful, faithful, and HE is desirable above all (Deuteronomy 32:3; 1 Chronicles 29:11).**
- 2) **Neglect not the assembling of believers (Hebrews 10:25).**
- 3) **Remember that The LORD'S grace saved you (Ephesians 2:8-9).**
- 4) **Reflect on the many blessings that we enjoy because of The LORD'S grace (Psalm 103:1-5).**