

## Lesson 8 - Overview on Thankfulness

We have to look up before we can look back down to our circumstance

Someone who walks the way they should walk is someone who has a grateful spirit  
Someone walking in sin is someone who is ungrateful to God for what He has done for us

Being Grateful in our Heart (turning your eyes upon Jesus!)

Verses 5-9

What is man (fallen man) that Thou are mindful of Him

The son of man that you are concerned (closely examined) about him

Made lower – descending – a lower station

You have crowned him (in the future – seen as done already)

There will be a day coming that all things will be subject under man's feet

BUT

We do see Jesus made lower than the angels to taste death for everyone

- shows us the cost of our life
- Jesus came down from His glory to become a man
- He came to taste death for everyone
- He suffered and was tempted, rejected, misunderstood, then died an agonizing death because of His love for you
- Jesus could not be delivered until death was accomplished – then he was resurrected bringing many sons to Him
- He loved us unconditionally and emptied Himself to do this for us
- Our hearts should be grateful – “turn your eyes upon Jesus and look full ion His wonderful face and the things of this world will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.”
- He is our representative in heaven

Because you are special to God

Be grateful for what God has done for you

If we don't, we do our own thing and walk away from God

### 3 things that will teach us to be thankful (10-18)

- I. We owe Him for our salvation
  - a. He is the author (originator, chief, captain) of our salvation
    - i. We would not be saved today if not for His work
  - b. He earned the right
    - i. He was made adequate (fully accomplished, brought it to its completion) through His sufferings
      1. He was man made perfect
      2. He was the God-man – adequate sacrifice
    - ii. When He died He said “It is finished” – He had completed the job
  - c. He is focusing the reader's attention on Jesus – to keep our focus on Jesus keeps us moving forward in our Christian life
  - d. In this world you will have tribulation but in Me you will have peace
  - e. If He is sovereign in your salvation He is also sovereign in your suffering

- II. We owe Him for our sanctification
  - a. We are made holy – by obedience to Him – if is a fruit of our salvation
  - b. By rejecting our own life and receiving His life we become the righteousness of Him
  - c. The blood covered the sins of the people and the veil of flesh was a barrier between man and God
  - d. When Jesus died and the barrier was rent from top to bottom Christ's death brought us back into the presence of God
  - e. We are all of one Father (birthed into the same family) – because He endured the death we became His inheritance – part of His kingdom
  - f. We are putting our trust in Him – this is a person who is truly humble – we do not trust in ourselves
    - i. Putting the pressure on a person will squeeze out what is on the inside
- III. We owe our security to Him (14-18)
  - a. When we are in struggles our focus tends to be on the difficulties and we fear ultimate death – so we hide until the pressure blows over – we fear the circumstances so we fall back under sin
  - b. Only when we live in a spiritual mindset are we not afraid of death
  - c. He became like me (but He endured it without sin) – to render powerless the one who had power over death
    - i. He did it all totally trusting in His Father
    - ii. Most people are too earthly minded to be any heavenly good
    - iii. Fear and faith don't mix – fear comes from not being in the word and not trusting
    - iv. We are running from the very thing that Jesus died to conquer – death is a release from the presence of sin
  - d. He had to become a man to save man
  - e. He became the propitiation and He made propitiation
  - f. He is now sitting at the right hand of God bearing the marks of what was paid to bring us back to God