



# The Law of Gratitude

## **Habakkuk 3: 17-19**

*Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.*

**Isiah 55:8-9** - “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

### **What we must know:**

- It is not your situation that will determine your gratitude
- Rather, your gratitude is what turns around your situation
- Gratitude the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness:

### **QUESTION: WHAT SHOULD YOU THANK GOD FOR?**

- Thank Him because you still alive, because if you are not alive you will not need anything
- Life is what determines your needs
- The fact that you have need, thank God because you are alive

**Psalms 115:17** - The dead cannot sing praises to the LORD, for they have gone into the silence of the grave.

**Isaiah 38:18** - For the grave cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.

- No matter how your situation is – praise your way through
- Be grateful to where you are on the way where you are going
- You can't get to the top mountain without a stepping stone

- All steppingstones are your way to your advancement
- Gratitude is not the function of your situation but a function of your perspective
- Just thank God for just thanking Him
- Those who are mocking you today they will celebrate you tomorrow

## AS FOR JESUS

**John 6:5-14** - Jesus lifted up 2 fishes and 5 loaves of bread to feed 5,000 men; and said “ Father I thank You”

**John 11:40 - 44** – Lord I thank you – and Lazarus came back alive

No matter how low you think you are, there is always someone looking after you and would like to be where you are.

**Understand that you are a mentor someone without knowing.**

## GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

**Deuteronomy 7:9** Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

**Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

## PRAYER POINTS: FIX YOUR EYES ON GOD

**Colossians 3:1 (NIV)** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Philippians 4: 8** - <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, *whatever is honest*, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things.**

**Isaiah 26: 3** you keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

It can translated “You will keep whose mind is stayed on you”