

# THANKS FOR, THANKS TO

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Deut. 8:11-9:7

## I. Introduction

- A. Getting thanksgiving right
- B. Giving thanks for...?
- C. Giving thanks to...?

## II. Standing Thankfully Before God (Deut. 8-9)

- A. Background of Deuteronomy
  - 1. Thankful for – deliverance (Promised Land)
  - 2. Thankful to – Deliverer YHWH (Promiser)
  - 3. Thankful Amnesia – bondage (Past Land)
- B. The Holy God of Deuteronomy
  - 1. God saves and protects His people (8:14-15)
  - 2. God promises and provides (8:15-18)
  - 3. God is powerful and gives power (8:18, 9:1-3)
- C. The Sinful Community of Deuteronomy
  - 1. Self-righteousness (8:11, 14, 17-18, 9:4-5)

2. Stubbornness (9:6)

3. Seditiousness (9:7)

## III. Conclusion

- A. Look at what He has done for us!
- B. Leave behind what He's rescued us from!
- C. Let others know who paid the way – JESUS!

# COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What are you thankful for? Why does our society focus on being thankful during one month a year, but rarely seems to focus on gratitude at other times? Now reflect further: for each of the things for which you are thankful, to whom are you really thankful for that thing? What does it say about us that we may reflect on what we are thankful for, but less frequently reflect on to whom we are thankful?
2. Read Deut. 7:12-8:10 together. Identify the themes Moses is expounding on. Note that he continues to reiterate these themes in 8:11-9:7. Why do you think he feels the need to repeat them? What is it about the human heart that needs to hear warnings and promises multiple times, and even then we may not heed or believe?
3. Read Deut. 9:6-10:11 together. Why does Moses recount the story of the Exodus and the many different times the Israelites rebelled against God? If someone were to show you your sinful patterns of behavior, would you repent?
4. Close your time together in group prayer, thanking God for all He has given you, and especially thanking Him for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for our own rebelliousness.