

**Gratitude: Mirror of the Soul, 2 Corinthians 3:18; Mirror Metaphor: Outline of James**

**Exodus 16:3** - Then the people said to Moses and Aaron, “We wish we had died by the Lord’s hand [10<sup>th</sup> plague] in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us into the Jornada to kill this entire assembly with hunger.”

Note in this verse their resentment of their salvation. The pots of meat were the sacrificial lambs slain on the first Passover and the bread was the unleavened bread they ate with the mutton.

Observing the first Passover was an expression of faith in Christ. The blood of the sacrificial lamb was what caused the Destroyer Angel, who executed the 10<sup>th</sup> plague, to pass over the residences of the Jews.

This was the night of their salvation but they now insult the God who saved them by wishing that He had included them along with the execution of the Egyptian’s firstborn. This is the ultimate expression of no gratitude!

But God saved them because of their faith. He led them into the Jornada in order to renovate their souls from slaves into freemen.

Such renovation of thought was going to take time, testing, and tenacity. Lovingkindness and longsuffering provided the time, the Jornada provided the testing, but the Jews had no tenacity because they had no gratitude. The reason? Citizens of the first generation did not magnify the Word above their own person and thus emphasized the body over the soul.

No Client Nation can survive when its citizens emphasize the desires of the body over the Word of God. Similarly, no Client Nation can be established in such a fashion either.

The Exodus generation thus becomes an illustration of how believers can enter into carnality and reversionism as a result of wrong priorities. Lovingkindness and longsuffering provided these Jews with 40 years to orient and adjust but they were never able to. The result was no gratitude, no humility, no knowledge, no growth, no capacity, no blessings. And so with the exception of Caleb and Joshua, the entire first generation experienced the final stage of Divine Punitive Action, they died the sin unto death in the sands of the *Sinai Jornada*.

**P. The Mirror of the Soul****A. Introduction**

The Greek word for mirror is *esoptron* and refers to any surface that reflects images of objects before it. It came to mean what we refer to as a mirror.

One may look into a mirror in order to view an image of his physical appearance but it reveals nothing of his soul’s immaterial nature.

The thing that serves as the mirror for the soul is the Word of God. Looking into it will systematically reveal the real you. The image revealed grows clearer and clearer as you advance on the Gratitude Gauge.

One of the great benefits to the royal priesthood of the believer is that he can look into the mirror of the Word and get an accurate reading of his soul’s status quo.

God designed the human soul and the cerebral cortex so that we can efficiently deal with our own problems. The problem-solving devices educate us in the process and procedure of resolving inner conflicts and outside adversities.

Understanding rebound allows us to overcome violations of God's righteous standards without requirements for penance or the burden of a guilt complex. The faith-rest drill gives us a system by which we can systematically manage the exigencies of the day from a spiritual perspective.