

# Evening Lesson

## TAKING THE GRANTED FOR GRANTED Lamentations 3:22-23

### INTRO:

1. What would happen if the sun did not come up tomorrow?
2. Illus.: Sun comes up. -- Henry Porter
3. With grateful hearts we ought to remind ourselves often that **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”** (James 1:17)

### I. WHAT DO WE TAKE FOR GRANTED?

- A. The blessings of nature. **Gen. 8:22**
- B. The innocence of a child. **Matt. 18:1-10; 19:13-15**
- C. The value of friendship. **Prov. 18:24**

### II. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

- A. Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures.
- B. Always remember that without God there would be nothing.

### CONC:

1. **Psalm 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits...**
2. “Don’t become so wrapped up in God’s gifts that you forget the giver.”
3. “When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I’m lost in wonder, love, and praise.”