**Give Jesus All the Praise and Thanksgiving**

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**Psalm 92:1-5**

**Sunday Morning**

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1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, 3 On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound.

4 For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands. 5 O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.

**What comes to mind when you think about Thanksgiving Day?**

For many of us, it would probably be turkey. After all, it’s the centerpiece of our traditional celebration.

As family and friends gather around the table, we generally offer a sincere prayer of gratitude to God for all His blessings before enjoying the food and fellowship.

**But what comes after dessert?**

For some people, it’s a football game. Others start planning for Christmas shopping the next day.

Although Thanksgiving always ends, our expressions of gratitude to God should continue throughout our daily lives.

**Gratitude to God not only honors Him, but it is good for us**

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Saints, in the Old Testament, God used the sacrificial system to teach His people to be grateful.

When He established the Hebrews as His nation, He gave them very specific and detailed instructions concerning His laws and sacrifices so they’d know how He wanted them to live.

Through these ordinances, He taught them three important truths:

**(1) God is holy, (2) man is sinful, and**

**(3) obedience is essential**

Saints, because Jesus was the final sacrifice, we are no longer required to offer animal sacrifices.

However, the principles the Lord taught through the sacrificial system are still true and applicable for us today.

One of the offerings He prescribed was called a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and it was performed every morning and evening.

**Leviticus 22:29-33**

29 And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will. 30 On the same day it shall be eaten; you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the LORD. 31 "Therefore you shall keep My commandments, and perform them: I am the LORD.

32 You shall not profane My holy name, but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel. I am the LORD who sanctifies you, 33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

Saints, the twice daily offering reminded the Hebrews that the Lord was the one who brought them out of Egypt and gave birth to them as a nation.

He alone saved, kept, and provided for them just as He does for us today.

**Should we do less than the Hebrews—giving thanks to God every morning and evening in recognition of Him as the source of everything we have?**

One of His most precious provisions is His written Word, which instructs us and reveals everything we need to know about the Lord. Our gratitude for it can be gauged by our attention to it.

If we’re truly thankful for His Word, we’ll diligently read it each day.

**How can we follow the example taught by the daily sacrifice of thanksgiving?**

We can begin by taking note of simple blessings that God provides each day.

Having a car to drive, receiving income from employment, or having a family and a home in which to live are all reasons to be thankful.

So often we take these things for granted, but they are all provided for us by our loving heavenly Father.

**A grateful heart keeps our minds focused on the Lord**

The daily thanksgiving sacrifice was a continual reminder to the Hebrews that their God provided for all their needs.

Likewise, each morning is an opportunity to thank the Lord for a good night’s sleep.

Even if we tossed and turned all night, we can still be grateful that He’s given us another day.

**Gratitude Honors God**

**Psalm 50:23**

“But true praise is a worthy sacrifice; this really honors me. Those who walk my paths will receive salvation from the Lord.”

Saints, when we acknowledge the Lord as the source of all our blessings, we are exalting Him by declaring our dependence upon Him.

Who hasn’t breathed a prayer of thanks after narrowly escaping a car accident?

Appreciation helps us realize that we cannot make it through life without God’s help.

**Thankfulness is expressed in a Variety of Ways**

Sometimes we gather in worship services to fellowship together and sing praises to God.

But we can also worship the Lord when we’re alone by letting everyday activities—no matter how simple—become reasons to thank Him.

Another way to acknowledge the Lord as our provider and express our gratitude is to give Him the first part of our income.

**A Spirit of Thanksgiving is the result of remembering all God has done for us.**

The Scriptures describe many blessings and privileges, which result from our salvation and should invoke gratitude in hearts.

**God chose us before the foundation of the world**

**Ephesians 1:4**

“just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world”

**We are indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit**

**2 Timothy 1:14**

“That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.”

**We are Eternally Secure**

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**We have been given gifts of the Spirit**

**1 Corinthians 12:28**

“And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.”

**We have an intimate relationship with the Lord**

**John 15:4**

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.”

**We have the peace of God in our hearts**

**Philippians 4:7**

“and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

**The Lord loves us unconditionally**

**Romans 8:38-39**

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**We’re never distant from God because we always live in His presence**

**Hebrews 13:5**

“For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

**The Lord provides for our needs**

**Philippians 4:19**

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

**We have His divine protection each day**

**Psalm 34:7**

“For the angel of the LORD is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.”

**We have the promise of a bodily resurrection**

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

**We have the blessing of God’s atonement through Christ and total forgiveness of our sins**

**Ephesians 1:7**

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace”

**We have an eternal home in heaven and the promise of the resurrection**

**Philippians 3:20-21**

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

**We’ve been given the Word of God, the source of all knowledge and understanding**

**Colossians 1:9**

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding”

**True, heartfelt, daily thanksgiving has a powerful impact on our lives.**

Saints, it results in a changed mindset and a desire to obey the Lord. Gratitude and Thanksgiving keeps us continually aware that we are walking in God’s presence.

This contributes to a godly lifestyle. Motivates us to look for the Lord’s purposes in everything in our lives.

Even if we don’t understand what He’s doing, thanking Him lifts the burden and it Helps us bring our will into submission to His when we suffer pain or loss.

Saints, by thanking Him in the midst of our pain, we acknowledge His loving sovereignty. It continually reminds us that He is our God and motivates us to tell others about Him.

When the bottom drops out of our lives and everything looks dark, songs of praise and thanksgiving restore our hope, assuring us that God is the Light in our darkness.

**Results of Gratitude and Thankfulness**

**1. God removes anxiety**

**2. Praise and gratitude drive out fretting and worry, it Keeps our focus on the Lord, the situation may not change, but our attitude will**

**3. God Energizes us physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.**

**In Closing:**

**1. How can you make gratitude a daily practice in your life?**

**2. What effect does thankfulness have on your thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions?**

**3. The time we most need to thank the Lord is when we feel the least grateful.**

**4. What keeps you from thanking God in the midst of hardship or pain?**

**5. What can you do to increase your trust in Him so gratitude will be your first response?**

Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.”**