

JUST ANOTHER THANKSGIVING SERMON

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-I Thessalonians 5:16-18

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- Psalm 95:1-3
 - 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- Colossians 2:6-7
 - 6 So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. 7 Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught.

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- Psalm 9:1
 - I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart; I will talk about all your wonderful acts.
- Psalm 7:17
 - But I will thank the Lord for his righteousness; I will sing praises to the name of the Lord Most High.

THANKFULNESS IS A DUTY FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE

- I Thessalonians 5:18

- Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you, in Christ Jesus.

- Ephesians 5:15-20

- 15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THANKFULNESS IS INDEPENDENT OF MY CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE OF HIS

GOODNESS

- Psalm 118:29 –
 - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever
- Psalm 103:1-5 –
 - 1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

THANKFULNESS DESTROYS PRIDE AND BUILDS HUMILITY

- Psalm 28:7
 - The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.
- Hebrews 12:28-29
 - 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our “God is a consuming fire.”[a]
- Revelation 11:17
 - We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

THANKFULNESS IS A GATEWAY TO JOY, HAPPINESS AND BLESSING

- Psalms 100

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

THANKFULNESS IS A SALVE FOR SORROWS

- Psalms 30

1 I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

2 Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

3 You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

4 Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

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5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

6 When I felt secure, I said, “I will never be shaken.”

7 Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain[c] stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

8 To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

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9 “What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

10 Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help.”

11 You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

BE **THANKFUL** TO GOD FOR THE **GREAT** **THINGS**

- He **HAS DONE**
- He **IS DOING**
- He **HAS PROMISED TO DO**