



Blessed & Grateful

THANKFUL FOR GOD'S PROVISIONS

A Season of Thankfulness

Thanksgiving---when filled with the true meaning is not just the formality of a polite “thank you” but it is the recognition of dependence.

Psalms 23:1 NIV “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”

A heart of gratitude means more than just saying “thank you.” It means believing God is who he says he is, believing He never changes, He fails not, and He is working all things for my good. We have so much to be thankful for. Not just on Thanksgiving Day but all through the year.

Psalms 136:1 KJV “O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”

Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays – days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:15-16 (NASB)

It is not easy to give thanks in all circumstances. But when we choose to thank God in the midst of difficulty, it defeats the enemy in the spiritual realm. When we thank God for every gift, He has given us even when things are hard, the enemy loses the battle against us. He is stopped in his tracks when we come to God with a thankful heart.

*Lord, teach us to offer you a heart of thanksgiving
and praise in all our daily experiences of life. Teach us to be joyful always,
to pray continually and to give thanks in all our circumstances.*

For you are good all the time.



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Thanksgiving in scripture

Psalm 95:2 - Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

1 Chronicles 16:34 - Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Psalm 69:30 - I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

2 Corinthians 9:15 - Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

1 Timothy 2:1 - First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Corinthians 15:57 - But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Harvest:

"I will bless you so you will be a blessing" - **Genesis 12:2**