

THANKSGIVING

Text: **2 Samuel 6**

(David – a Man for all seasons)

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The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated less than a year after the Christian Plymouth colonists had settled in the new land of America. The first Thanksgiving Day, set aside for the special purpose of prayer as well as celebration, was decreed by Governor William Bradford in July 30, 1623. There were harvest festivals, or days of thanking God for plentiful crops. During the Revolutionary War, eight special days of thanks were observed for victories and for being saved from dangers. On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks. Our national day of thanksgiving was proclaimed by President Lincoln in 1863 with these words, "A Day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Psalms 26:7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Psalms 34:19 ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Ps. 37:7 "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him". **Psalms 69:30** I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. **Psalms 75:1**, "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare." **Psalms 91:7** A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. **Psalms 95:1-6** "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 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. **Psalms 100:4** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. **Psalms 107:1**, "O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever! **Psalms 109:30** I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. 31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul

Psalms 142 (also ch57)

¹ I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication. ² I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble. ³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. ⁴ I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. ⁵ I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. ⁶ Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. ⁷ Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

1 Samuel 16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. **1 Samuel 22** 1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

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Paul

God's Chosen Vessel

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

2 Corinthians Ch 11; 12 I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one...

1 Thessalonians 5:18 ¹⁸In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

True Thanksgiving

Philippians 4:4

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Thanksgiving Day Traditionally, it has been a time to give thanks for a bountiful harvest.

When should we give thanks? In every circumstance:

Psalms 57:2 I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs *all things* for me.



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