



"The Importance of Thanksgiving"

Thanksgiving 2023

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Why should thanksgiving be so important?

Thanksgiving is a trophy case of God's glory...

1. ...when we remember God's past _____.

- ✳ **God delivered us from the military might of England and founded our country.**

The text of George Washington's October 3, 1789 national Thanksgiving proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor; and whereas both houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public Thanksgiving in prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

- ✳ **The French Admiral D'Anville's failed attempt to destroy the colonies in 1746.**

Conducting the most powerful military fleet of the day his command made up of 70 ships with 13,000 troops intended to recapture Louisburg Nova Scotia and destroy from Boston all the way to Georgia. On the 27th of August the colonists appointed a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer to implore God's mercies. It was on that day a hurricane subsequently sank some and scattered the rest of the entire French fleet with 4,000 sick and 2,000 dead crew members from disease including Admiral Duc D'Anville.

- ✳ **President Roosevelt's radio address on D Day June 6, 1944**

And for us at home fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice. Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts. 'Give us strength to strengthen our daily task to re-double the contributions we make in the physical and material support of our armed forces.

God's miraculous power has been displayed in those times when we...

- ☪ ...have no misgiven hope in _____ government, wealth or military might.
- ☪ ...in humility, fasting and prayer call upon God alone as our _____.
- ☪ ..._____ of our sins.
- ☪ ...we express _____ humility, prayer, and fasting.

2. ...when we fulfill our duty..

- ✳ ...to acknowledge Almighty God's _____.
- ✳ ...to _____ God's will.
- ✳ ...to express _____ for God's benefits.
- ✳ ...to sound our thanksgiving by _____ prayer.
- ✳ ...to acknowledge heartfelt _____ with joyful song, praise and worship.

3. Thanksgiving is...

- * ...**a** _____ - 1 Thes 5:18 is an imperative verb replete in the Psalms GIVE THANKS
16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 **in everything give thanks**; for this is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus. [1Th 5:16-18 NASB95]
- * ...**a** _____ **of life** - it is practiced daily "be thankful" **present progressive** Col 3:15 thanks **forever**
15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and **be**
thankful. [Col 3:15 NASB95]
- * ... _____ **from generation to generation** - we grow in it here not in afterlife
17 I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the peoples
will give You thanks forever and ever. [Psa 45:17 NASB95]
- * ...**opportune** _____ **we draw breath** - it's without effect after death and before final judgment
For there is no mention of You in death; In Sheol who will **give** You **thanks**? Psalm 6:5
- * ...**progressive and** _____ - teach it to your children by example
11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing
thanksgiving to God. [2Co 9:11 NASB95]
- * ... _____ - "in all things"
*"rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians. 5:16-18
- * ...**a** _____ **of the soul** - it is a commentary on the inner/unseen person
For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or **give thanks**, but they became
futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Rom 1:21
- * ...**a** _____ **service** - by the fruit of our lips we offer up a sacrifice of praise & thanksgiving
15 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. [Heb 13:15 NASB95]
- * ...**to** _____ **richly in our hearts**
16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one
another with psalms [and] hymns [and] spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness
in your hearts to God. [Col 3:16]
- * ...**the** _____ **of God**. -- phrases "to You" "Your Name" "with all my heart" "forever"
"before the _____ congregation" "among the nations" "with all kinds of musical instruments and
singing" for His goodness, lovingkindness, righteousness etc...