

Biblical Thanksgiving

Give thanks to:

- God Acts 27:35' O God Ps75:1
- my God Ps118:28, our God 1 Chr29:13' his God Dan 6:10
- the LORD 1Chr 16:7,8,34,41; 2Chr5:13; 7:3,6; 20:21; Ps 7:17; 105:1; 106:1; Ps 107:1,8,15,21,31; 118:1,19,29; 136:1; Is 12:4
- O LORD, my God Ps 30:12
- the LORD, the God of Israel 1Chron 16:4
- Your holy name 1Chr 16:35; Ps 106:47
- the God of gods Ps136:2
- the LORD of lords Ps136:3
- the God of heaven Ps136:26
- the LORD Almighty Jer 33:11; Rev11:17
- God the Father Eph5:20;Col1:12 through Christ Col 3:17
- Him who sits on the throne Rev 7:12
- Him who lives for ever & ever Rev 7:12
- the One who is and who was Rev 11:17

The ones who gave thanks were:

- not pagans (they don't thank God) Rom 1:21
- those who believe & know the truth 1Tim 4:3
- appointed 1Chron 16:4; 2Chron20:21
- chosen 1Chron 16:41
- designated by name 1 Chron 16:41
- assigned by leaders 2Chron 31:2
- priestly trumpeters & singers 2Chron 5:13
- two large choirs Neh 12:31
- *Anna* did it upon the coming of the Messiah Lk 2:38
- *Paul* gave thanks for bread before being shipwrecked on the Island of Malta Acts 27:35
- *Daniel* did it 3x a day even when forbidden Dan6:10
- *David* gave thanks for God's righteous laws when he rose at midnight Ps 119:62
- *Jesus* gave thanks for:
 - five loaves & two fish Mt14:19; Mk6:41;Lk9:16; Jn6:11
 - seven loaves & fish Mt 15:36; Mk8:6,7
 - bread & cup Mt 26:26,27; Mk14:22,23; Lk22:17,19; 1Cor 11:24
 - bread after the Resurrection on the road to Emmaus when their eyes were opened Lk 24:30

How thanks was expressed:

- singing word of Christ in psalms Col 3:16 (cf. Lk 24:44)
- shouting Ps 100:1 in prayer Phil 4:6; 1Tim 2:1
- song Ps 28:7; Is 51:3; Ps100 some priests used trumpets 2Chron 5:13; In NT, all can use the fruit of lips Heb 13:15
- with one voice (unity, harmony) 2Chron 5:13
- in many ways 2Cor9:12
- by making known among the nations what He has done Ps 105:1; 1Chron 16:8; Is 12:4
- It must edify others 1Cor14:17

Reasons to give thanks:

God's Attributes

- He is GOOD 1Chron 16:24; Ps 106:1;118:29;136:1;Jer33:11
- His love endures forever 1Chron 16:24;2Chron 7:6;20:21; Ps106:1;118:29;136:1,2,3,26;Jer33:11
- His unfailing love Ps 107:8
- His righteousness Ps 7:17
- the LORD is my strength & shield Ps 28:7
- He is my God Ps 118:28
- for Your name is near Ps75:1

God's Actions

- for comfort and compassion Isaiah 51:3
- for rescuing me from this body of death Rom 7:24,25
- You answered me Ps 118:21
- You have become my salvation Ps 118:21
- for being gathered & delivered 1Chron16:25; Ps106:47
- for victory through our Lord Jesus Christ 1Cor15:57
- for answered prayers 2Cor1:11; Dan 2:23
- for leading us in triumphal procession 1Cor 2:14
- for spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Him through us 1Cor 2:14
- for being qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light Col 1:12
- His wonderful deeds for men Ps 107:8
- He satisfies the thirsty Ps107:9
- He fills the hungry with good things Ps107:9

Thanksgiving results from:

- being in His awesome presence 2Chron 7:3
- joy 1 Thes 3:9 peace and reforms Acts 24:3
- remembrances Phil 1:3
- the generosity of believers 2Cor 9:11
- service performed by His people 2Cor9:12

What to be thankful for:

- transformed believers & their obedience Rom 6:17
 - the saints and faithful in Jesus Eph 1:16;1Thes 2:13;Col 1:3,4
 - cup of thanksgiving (in the blood of Christ) 1Cor10:16
 - whether you eat or abstain Rom 14:6
 - His indescribable gift 2Cor9:15
 - Your righteous Laws Ps 119:62
 - everything Eph 5:20' everyone 1Tim 2:1
- ### When & where to give thanks:
- as you enter into His presence Ps 100:4; 95:2; 2 Chron 31:2
 - in the great assembly Ps 35:18
 - among throngs of people Ps 35:18
 - every morning, evening; & giving offerings 1Chr23:30
 - continually 1Thes 2:13, in all circumstances 1Thes5:18

... for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Thanksgiving is linked to CREATION:

- "Everything God **created** is **good**, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving" 1 Tim 4:4
- What "God **created** [is] to be received with **thanksgiving** by those who believe and who know the truth" 1 Tim 4:3
- Whenever God received glory, honor, and **thanks**, the 24 elders fell and worshiped Him saying, Rev 4:9-11
"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you **created** all things, and by your will they were **created** and have their being."



Be devoted to being thankful Col 4:2



- Thanksgiving is one of the 4 facets of communication with God regarding other people
*"I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and **thanksgiving** be made for everyone."* 1 Tim 2:1
- Thanksgiving is one of the 7-fold exultation of God in the midst of the great multitude
*"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and **thanks** and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"* Rev 7:12



Thanksgiving is related to:

- continuing in Christ Col 2:7
- being strengthened in the faith Col 2:7
- not being anxious Phil 4:6-7
- joy, gladness, rejoicing Ps 28:7; Ps 107:22; Is 41:3; Jer 30:19
- peace of Christ, peace of God Col 3:15; Phil 4:6-7
- the proper speech of God's holy people - instead of impure discourse Eph 5:4
- righteous acts Deut 28:13
- fulfilling your vows Ps 50:14
- the Lord's Supper 1 Cor 10:16



2 Corinthians 4:15 *"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause **thanksgiving** to overflow to the glory of God."*

→ What is for our benefit is ultimately for the glory of God

→ Thanksgiving glorifies God

→ Thanksgiving is a result of God's grace



1 Thess 3:9 *"How can we **thank** God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?"*

→ It is utterly impossible to pay God back one drop
for the ocean of joy and blessing He pours upon us.



2 Thes 2:13 "But we ought always to **thank** God for you, brothers loved by the Lord,
because *from the beginning God chose you*
to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit
and through belief in the truth."

Whatever you do, in action or speech, give thanks Col 3:17