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When God promised to be with Jacob and preserve him, Jacob didn't **thank** Him and promise to serve Him in return. Instead he said that he would serve God *if* the Lord kept His promises *first* and provided for him for years (until he returned home).

- **Genesis 28:15, 20-21:** "And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. ... And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a peace offering was offered for the purpose of **thanksgiving**, the cakes and wafers which were offered had to be fried.

- **Leviticus 7:12:** "If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a peace offering was offered for the purpose of **thanksgiving**, it was to include both unleavened

cakes *and* leavened bread.

- **Leviticus 7:12-13:** "If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried. Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a peace offering was offered for the purpose of **thanksgiving**, the animal that was offered with the peace offering had to be eaten the same day it was offered. None of it could be kept until the next morning.

- **Leviticus 7:15:** "And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning."
- **Leviticus 22:29-30:** "And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will. On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I am the LORD."

Under the Mosaic Law, sacrifices of **thanksgiving** to the Lord were freewill offerings.

- **Leviticus 22:29:** "And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will."

When the Israelites began eating the quail that God provided for them in the wilderness, and it was in their mouth but they hadn't chewed it yet, God became angry with the Israelites

and smote them. (Keep in mind that the Israelites didn't **thank** Him for the quail, or offer any of them to Him as sacrifices, or repent of the fact that they had despised Him. Instead they greedily ignored the God who gave it to them.)

- **Numbers 11:33:** "And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague."

After David listened to Joab and told him to bring Absalom back to Jerusalem, Joab **thanked** David for granting his request. (Given everything that happened afterward, Joab may have come to regret this.)

- **2 Samuel 14:21-22:** "And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again. And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant."

We should give **thanks** to God when He saves us from our enemies.

- **2 Samuel 22:48-50:** "It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me. And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name."

David appointed certain Levites to **thank** God. (That was their job.)

- **1 Chronicles 16:4:** "And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:"

Some of the psalms are psalms of **thanksgiving**.

- **1 Chronicles 16:7:** "Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren."

One of the reasons we must give **thanks** to God is because He is good. (Another reason is because His mercy endures forever.)

- **1 Chronicles 16:34:** "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever."

One of the reasons we should ask God to save us is so we can give **thanks** to His holy name.

- **1 Chronicles 16:35:** "And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise."

The reason David gave people the job of giving **thanks** to God at the tabernacle was because His mercy endures forever.

- **1 Chronicles 16:41:** "And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were

expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever;"

When Jeduthun gave **thanks** to God in the tabernacle, he used trumpets and cymbals.

- **1 Chronicles 16:41-42:** "And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever; And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters."

The office of the Levites involved standing every morning and evening to **thank** God.

- **1 Chronicles 23:30:** "And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even:"

In ancient Israel, harps were used to give **thanks** to God.

- **1 Chronicles 25:3:** "Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD."

When David commanded his son Solomon to build the temple, David said that the Israelites **thanked** God.

- **1 Chronicles 29:13:** "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

When the first temple was dedicated, the trumpeters and the singers joined together to **thank** God.

- **2 Chronicles 5:13:** "It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;"

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Hezekiah didn't want the Jews to offer **thanksgiving** offerings to God until they had consecrated themselves (as the Mosaic Law required). Once the people had been consecrated they could then bring their sacrifices.

- **2 Chronicles 29:31:** "Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into

the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings."

During the reign of Hezekiah, one of the areas of service in the temple was giving **thanks**.

- **2 Chronicles 31:2:** "And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD."

After Manasseh was brought back to Jerusalem, he sacrificed **thanksgiving** offerings on the altar of God (in the temple).

- **2 Chronicles 33:16:** "And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel."

We must give **thanks** to the Lord because He is good (and because His mercy endures forever).

- **Ezra 3:11:** "And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid."

In the second temple there were people who were in charge of giving **thanksgiving** to God.

- **Nehemiah 12:8:** "Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren."

Each division in the second temple had someone in charge of giving **thanks** to God.

- **Nehemiah 12:24:** "And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward."

David was the one who commanded that there should be people in the temple whose job was to give **thanks**.

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The ceremony that dedicated the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem was kept with **thanksgiving**.

- **Nehemiah 12:27:** "And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps."

After the wall around Jerusalem was rebuilt, Nehemiah had the princes of Judah publicly give **thanks** to God.

- **Nehemiah 12:31:** "Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate:"

Trumpets were used in the temple to give **thanks** to God.

- **Nehemiah 12:40-41:** "So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me: And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;"

In the days of David and Asaph, the singers sang songs of **thanksgiving** to God.

- **Nehemiah 12:46:** "For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God."

If God allowed the righteous to die, there would be no one left to give Him **thanks**.

- **Psalms 6:4-5:** "Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?"

It's good to **thank** God among pagans who don't believe in Him.

- **Psalm 18:49:** "Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name."

We must **thank** the Lord for His holiness.

- **Psalm 30:4:** "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."
- **Psalm 97:12:** "Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

We must give **thanks** to the Lord forever.

- **Psalm 30:12:** "To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever."

God told the Israelites that what He wanted from them wasn't offerings of animals, but offerings of **thanksgiving**.

- **Psalm 50:13-14:** "Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:"

David said he would magnify God with **thanksgiving**.

- **Psalm 69:30:** "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."

We should give **thanks** because God is near.

- **Psalm 75:1:** "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare."

Asaph said that when God avenged those who reproached Him, the Jews would give Him thanks forever.

- **Psalm 79:12-13:** "And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord. So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations."

It's a good to give **thanks** to God.

- **Psalm 92:1:** "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:"

When we enter into God's presence, we should be **thankful**.

- **Psalm 95:2:** "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

We should **thank** God because He is great.

- **Psalm 95:2-3:** "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

We should **thank** God because He's the great King above all gods.

- **Psalm 95:2-3:** "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

Those who enter into the gates of God should do so with **thanksgiving**.

- **Psalm 100:4:** "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

We should **thank** God because He is good.

- **Psalm 100:4-5:** "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."
- **Psalm 106:1:** "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 107:1:** "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 118:1:** "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 118:29:** "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 136:1:** "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

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- **1 Chronicles 16:8:** "Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people."
- **1 Chronicles 16:34:** "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalms 18:49:** "Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name."
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- **Psalms 119:62:** "At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments."
- **Psalms 122:4:** "Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD."
- **Psalms 136:1:** "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is

good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

- **Psalm 136:2:** "O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 136:3:** "O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 136:26:** "O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 140:13:** "Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence."
- **Colossians 3:17:** "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

The psalmist prayed that God would gather the Hebrews from among the heathen so they could give Him **thanks**.

- **Psalm 106:47:** "Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise."

We must give **thanks** to God because His mercy endures forever.

- **1 Chronicles 16:34:** "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever."
- **Psalm 106:1:** "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."
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The people who God has redeemed should give **thanks** to Him.

- **Psalm 107:1-2:** "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;"

The psalmist commands people to sacrifice the sacrifices of **thanksgiving**.

- **Psalm 107:22:** "And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."

We should be **thankful** for all the things God has given us.

- **Psalm 116:12:** "What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?"

The psalmist said he would offer the sacrifices of **thanksgiving** to God, because He had freed him.

- **Psalm 116:16-17:** "O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD."

It's good to give **thanks** to God during the night.

- **Psalm 119:62:** "At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments."

We should **thank** God for His righteous judgments.

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In ancient times, the tribes of Israel went to Jerusalem to give **thanks** to God's name.

- **Psalm 122:4:** "Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD."

We must give **thanks** to God's name.

- **Psalm 140:13:** "Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence."

We must sing songs of **thanksgiving** to God.

- **Psalms 147:7:** "Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:"

One day the Lord will fill Zion with **thanksgiving**.

- **Isaiah 51:3:** "For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

God said that one day the Jews would proceed with joy and **thanksgiving**. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)

- **Jeremiah 30:19:** "And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small."

God said that Israel wasn't **thankful** to Him for all the great things He had done for them.

- **Ezekiel 16:14-15:** "And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD. But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was."

Daniel **thanked** God for revealing Nebuchadnezzar's dream to

him (along with its interpretation).

- **Daniel 2:19, 23:** "Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ... I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter."

Daniel gave **thanks** to God before the law forbidding prayer was signed, and he continued to give thanks to God after it was signed.

- **Daniel 6:10:** "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

When Jonah was inside the great fish, he promised to make a sacrifice of **thanksgiving**.

- **Jonah 2:1, 9:** "Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, ... But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."

Jesus **thanked** God for hiding the gospel from some people and revealing it to others.

- **Matthew 11:25:** "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent,

and hast revealed them unto babes."

- **Luke 10:21:** "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Jesus gave **thanks** for the seven loaves and the fish before He used it to feed 4,000 people.

- **Matthew 15:36, 38:** "And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. ... And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children."
- **Mark 8:6, 9:** "And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. ... And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away."

When Jesus established communion, He gave **thanks** for the cup.

- **Matthew 26:27:** "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;"
- **Mark 14:23:** "And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it."
- **Luke 22:17:** "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:"

When Anna saw the infant Jesus she gave **thanks** to God.

- **Luke 2:22, 38:** "And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; ... And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

Jesus taught that those who do what they're required to do don't deserve **thanks**. (His point was that God doesn't owe us anything in return for our faithful service, since that's what's required of us. Anything God gives to us is a gift, not the payment of a debt.)

- **Luke 17:9-10:** "Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Not everyone who Jesus healed was **thankful**.

- **Luke 17:15-17:** "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"

In the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, the Pharisee **thanked** God that he was better than other people. (The

Pharisee was greatly mistaken.)

- **Luke 18:11:** "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."

When Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, He gave **thanks** for the bread.

- **Luke 22:19:** "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."
- **1 Corinthians 11:23-24:** "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me."

When Jesus told the man that He was the one who had healed him, there's no indication that he **thanked** Jesus. Instead he immediately went and betrayed Him to the Jews.

- **John 5:14-15:** "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole."

Before Jesus fed the multitude of 5,000 people, He gave **thanks** for the loaves.

- **John 6:10-11:** "And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would."

The multitude of 5,000 people didn't eat any bread until after Jesus gave **thanks** for it).

- **John 6:23:** "(Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)"

When the stone that sealed the tomb of Lazarus was moved away, Jesus **thanked** God the Father for hearing Him.

- **John 11:41-43:** "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."

The reason Jesus publicly **thanked** God the Father for hearing Him was so that those who were standing around would believe that God the Father sent Him.

- **John 11:42:** "And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me."

We should thank God for gladness, because it's a gift from Him.

- Acts 14:17: "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

We should **thank** God for rain and harvests because they're gifts from Him.

- **Acts 14:17:** "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

Tertullus said the Jews were **thankful** for the governor.

- **Acts 24:2-3:** "And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence, We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness."

After Paul gave God **thanks** for the bread (when his ship was lost at sea), he broke it and began to eat it.

- **Acts 27:35-36:** "And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat. Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat."

When Paul saw the Christians who came to see him, he thanked God.

- Acts 28:15: "And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage."

Paul **thanked** God for the great faith of the church in Rome.

- **Romans 1:8:** "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

The wicked aren't **thankful** to God for all the great things He's done.

- **Romans 1:21:** "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

We must **thank** God for saving us from sin and delivering us from its dominion.

- **Romans 6:17-18:** "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

We should give God **thanks** when we eat our meals.

- **Romans 14:6:** "He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks."

Paul gave **thanks** to all the Gentile churches.

- **Romans 16:4:** "Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles."

Paul gave **thanks** to Priscilla and Aquila.

- **Romans 16:3-4:** "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles."

Paul continually **thanked** God for the Corinthian church.

- **1 Corinthians 1:4:** "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;"

It's good to give God **thanks** for the food we eat.

- **1 Corinthians 10:27, 30:** "If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. ... For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?"

It's not wrong to **thank** God on behalf of others.

- **2 Corinthians 1:11:** "Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf."

When a church **thanks** God for the abundant grace He's given them, it brings glory to Him.

- **2 Corinthians 4:15:** "For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God."

We should give **thanks** to God when He blesses us.

- **2 Corinthians 9:11:** "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."

Meeting the needs of other Christians results in **thanksgiving** to God.

- **2 Corinthians 9:12:** "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;"

The church should be characterized by thanksgiving. The church should thank God for the great things He has done for them.

- **2 Corinthians 9:12:** "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant

also by many thanksgivings unto God;"

We should give God **thanks** for the great and mighty gift of the gospel.

- **2 Corinthians 9:15:** "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Paul **thanked** God for the Ephesian church.

- **Ephesians 1:16:** "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;"

Christians must give **thanks**.

- **Ephesians 5:4:** "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

We must give **thanks** to God (for all things) in the name of Jesus.

- **Ephesians 5:20:** "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"

Paul **thanked** God for the Philippian church.

- **Philippians 1:3:** "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,"

When Christians pray to God, their prayers should include

thanksgiving.

- **Philippians 4:6:** "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."
- **Colossians 4:2:** "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;"

Paul **thanked** God for the Colossian church.

- **Colossians 1:3:** "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,"

We should **give** thanks to God the Father for saving us. (When Jesus saved us, He was carrying out the plan of the Father.)

- **Colossians 1:12:** "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:"

The church should be characterized by **thanksgiving**.

- **Colossians 2:7:** "Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Christians must be **thankful**.

- **Colossians 3:15:** "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

We must give **thanks** through Jesus.

- **Colossians 3:17:** "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

We must give **thanks** to God the Father.

- **Colossians 3:17:** "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Paul gave **thanks** to God for the Thessalonian church.

- **1 Thessalonians 1:2:** "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;"

Paul continually **thanked** God that the Thessalonians received the gospel as the word of God instead of the word of men.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:13:** "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

Paul **thanked** God for the faithfulness of the Thessalonian church.

- **1 Thessalonians 3:8-9:** "For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;"

Christians should give **thanks** for everything.

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

Paul told the Thessalonian church how **thankful** he was for their faith and love.

- **2 Thessalonians 1:3:** "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;"

We should give **thanks** to God for faithful churches.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:13:** "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

Christians should give **thanks** for all people.

- **1 Timothy 2:1:** "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;"

God wants people to eat meat with **thanksgiving**, because it's a gift from Him.

- **1 Timothy 4:3:** "Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be

received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

- **1 Timothy 4:4:** "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:"

Paul **thanked** God that he was able to pray for Timothy.

- **2 Timothy 1:3:** "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;"

We must give **thanks** to God's name.

- **Hebrews 13:15:** "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

The four beasts in Heaven give **thanks** to God.

- **Revelation 4:8-9:** "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,"

Those who are saved will give **thanks** to God forever.

- **Revelation 7:12:** "Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

During the tribulation, the 24 elders in Heaven will give **thanks** to God for reigning over the kingdoms of the world.

- **Revelation 11:15-17:** "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned."

UNTHANKFUL

God is kind to those who are **unthankful**.

- **Luke 6:35:** "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

People who are kind to those who are **unthankful** will be given a great reward.

- **Luke 6:35:** "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

In the end times, people will be **unthankful**.

- **2 Timothy 3:2:** "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,"

It's dangerous for Christians to be around people who are **unthankful**.

- **2 Timothy 3:1-2:** "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,"