



one continues in prayer and is steadfast in watching, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving and honour, and power, and might, [*be*] unto our God for ever and ever. Amen (Rev. 7.12).

In every thing by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God (Ph 4.6).

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 (II Ch 31.2).

We give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name (Ps 18.49).

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness (Ps 30.4), To the end that [*my*] glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent (Ps 30.12).

O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever, give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people (Ps 35.18). ... [*unto thee*] do we give thanks: for [*that*] thy name is near thy wondrous works declare; we will shew forth thy praise to all generations (Ps 25.1).

O give thanks unto the LORD; for [*he is*] good: for his mercy [*endureth*] for ever (Ps 118.29).

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 (Ps 106.47).

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
Jesus Christ

For *the preaching of the cross* is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved *it is the power of God*" (I Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

The Wise Still Seek Him

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In Every Thing Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, 'I am strong.' Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.

Henry Smith

There are innumerable passages of scriptures telling us to bless the Lord. There are 463 scriptures with some form of the word bless.

When upon life's billows, you are tempest tossed. When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. When you are . . . and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your many blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God hath done. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings; see what the Lord hath done.

I recall a dear friend (GW) I never met in person, but my late husband and I saw her on National Geographic many, many years ago and were able to contact her and have many telephone conversations. She lived and worked in the Chesapeake Bay area. She was not educated, but a powerful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ which came through clearly on the National Geographic filming.

I recall seeing her at the altar in her church and hearing her pray,

"O Lord bless me that I might be a blessing to others."

She was giving thanks unto the Lord for His goodness, for what He had done for her, for His love and mercy, for His grace, giving His life for us upon the Cross of Calvary and rising from the dead that we might have life and have it more abundantly –desiring to share His love with others.

I am reminded of those who counted it all joy to suffer for the Name of the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus.

And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten [*them*], they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name (Acts 5.40, 41).

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:

For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, [*even*] Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 9.15-17).

These and the many through the centuries who have suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ, count it all joy to serve a living Lord and Savior who died for the sins of the world and rose victoriously over sin, hell and the grave. These are a people who have suffered and given their lives for Jesus Christ with a heart of thanksgiving.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing [*this*], that the trying of your faith worketh patience (Jam 1.2, 3).

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

But **rejoice**, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also **with exceeding joy**.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy [*are ye*]; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified (I P 4.12-14).

There is a chorus somewhere in earlier years that tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always; and, again, I say rejoice. Rejoice! Rejoice!" A hymn by Will Thompson teaches us that "Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my JOY, my all . . ."

The Psalmist makes it clear that we are to come and bow down before our Lord in the sanctuary, lift up our hands unto the Lord God Almighty and bless, praise Him for His many blessings He has bestowed upon us daily. In the Hebrew language in which the Old Testament is written, bless is to come before the Lord upon our knees.

To bless the Lord God is to kneel before Him as an act of adoration, of thanksgiving. It is joy!

Oh! Hear the Word of the Lord God!

Ye shall not [*need*] to fight in this [*battle*]: set yourselves, stand ye [*still*], and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD [*will be*] with you.

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with [*his*] face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD (II Ch 20.18, 19).

How many times have you heard the Lord tell you to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in your life, but you thought you knew better than the Lord and chose to fight your own battles your way?

Do you realize how many times "Bless the Lord," is in the Bible, especially the Psalms? All through the Bible, the teaching of giving thanks is laid before us – sometimes using other words that teach us to give thanks unto the Lord.

I believe a sad commentation is that we spend more time trying to prove a belief system rather than just being in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ to experience His presence, His holiness, endeavoring to become one with Him and give thanks unto Him for His manifold blessings unto us - of which none of us deserve.

Giving thanks unto the Lord of lords and King of kings is in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. It is interesting how many times the teaching is in the Holy Bible, giving thanks to the Lord for all He has done for us, for provisions, for life itself, for His wondrous works,

The Psalmist teaches us much about giving thanks unto the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ.

Give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness, His righteous judgments, for His mercy endureth forever, His wondrous works,

Giving thanks: salvation, His love, mercy, His grace

Give thanks for the true body of Christ, Jesus Christ,

Give thank for Jesus Christ dying on the Cross of Calvary, shedding His precious blood for your sins and my sins, that when we repent of our sins and choose to live a life of holiness unto Him, we have a home with Him forevermore.

He is the Lord, my Redeemer. He is the Lord, my healer. He is the Lord, love of my soul. He is the Lord, my all in all. drcc

Giving thanks unto the Lord is to acknowledge Him, Who He is and Who He is in my life.

The beauty of the scriptures give forth an understanding of GivingThanks unto the Lord. It behooves us to read the Holy Bible as a love letter written with the Blood of the Lamb of God.

offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving Ps 107.22

come before his presence with thanksgiving Ps 95.2

tell of all thy wondrous works I Ch 16.9

make a joyful noise unto him with psalms Ps 66.1

declare his works with rejoicing I Ch 16.24; Ps 73.26

Salvation [*is*] of the LORD Ps 3.8; 18.2; 37.39

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving Ps 147.7

Think of all the hymns giving praise and thanksgiving to the Lord and the praise choruses from the Word of the Lord, the Holy Bible. Psalm 34 is a wonderful example of a song from the Holy Bible.

Read Psalm 103!

Giving Thanks unto the Lord can best be experienced when one sings His praises; when one offers the sacrifice of praise; when one publishes His holiness with the voice of thanksgiving; when one tells of all His wondrous works; when one pays His vows unto the most High God in Christ Jesus; when one praises the Name of God with a song; when one comes before His presence with thanksgiving; when one makes a joyful noise unto Him with psalms; when one enters His gates with a heart of thanksgiving; when one enters into His courts with praise; when one blesses His Name; when one declares His works with rejoicing; when one calls upon the Name of the Lord God; When we give thanks unto the Lord in the midst of the heathen and sing His praises, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people; when God's abundant grace - through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God; when