

3 Reasons to Give Thanks to God

11/22/25

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- On Thursday – citizens around our country will be observing the national holiday called Thanksgiving
- Today – let's talk about Thanksgiving
- Title – “3 Reasons to Give Thanks to God”

- Reminder about my upbringing – Reminder about my mother's approach
 - “Nothing special for Mother's Day”
 - “Treat me right every day, because every day is Mother's Day”
 - We still celebrated Mother's Day – but the point was clearly made
 - But we were expected to treat our mother correctly every day
- How does that approach apply to Thanksgiving
 - We celebrate Thanksgiving – but every day should include Thanksgiving
 - (We drove to West Texas every year in November)

1. Give thanks for our blessings

Psalm 100:1-5	a psalm of thanksgiving
Luke 17:11-19	Christ and the 10 lepers
11	on the way to Jerusalem, He went through Samaria and Galilee
12	in a village – He saw 10 lepers, who stood afar off
13	“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”
14	“go show yourself to the priest” – they were cleansed
15-16	one of them glorified God (with a loud voice) – he fell down giving thanks – and he was a Samaritan
17-18	Christ noted – only 1 returned to give glory to God
19	“arise, go your way; your faith has made you well”

2. Give thanks for our trials

Matt. 5:10	blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake – for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
11-12	blessed are you when they revile you, persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely (for My sake) – rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven – (for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you)

Luke 6:20 blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God
 22-23 blessed are you when men hate you, exclude you, revile you and cast out
 your name as evil (for the Son of Man's sake) – rejoice in that day
 and leap for joy – for indeed, your reward is great in heaven

Rom. 12:17 do not repay evil
 18 live peaceably – where possible
 19 no revenge – give place to wrath – vengeance is God's
 20-21 goal – overcome evil with good

2 Tim. 4:14-15 recognize those who are trying to hurt you

3. Give thanks for our salvation

2 Tim. 4:16-18 recognize that God delivers
 Matt. 26:36 “sit here while I go and pray over there”
 37 sorrowful and deeply depressed
 38 “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death – stay here and watch
 with Me”
 39 “Oh My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless,
 not as I will, but as You will”
 42 a second time – “Oh My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me
 unless I drink it, Your will be done”
 44 a third time – saying the same words

Rom. 8:11 if the Spirit of Him (the Father) who raised Jesus (the Son) from the dead
 dwells in you, He (the Father) who raised Christ from the dead will
 also give life to your mortal bodies (through His Spirit that dwells
 in you)

2 Cor. 4:15 for all things are for your sakes, that grace (having spread through the
 many) may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God