

Thanksgiving

Genesis 1:4, 31; Leviticus 7:12-15

Psalm 50:14, 23; Philippians 4:6-7

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In the Scriptures, thanksgiving is the expression of _____ to, or appreciation to God. It is acknowledged by man universally, but only known in its _____ degree by the Christian believer who sees God as:

- The Creator of a world that was “_____”
- The Provider of _____ to man immediately after he sinned and fell
- The _____ of every good and perfect gift

A. The Bible is Full of Thanksgiving in the _____ Testament.

1. Thanksgiving accompanied the _____ offering. (Lev. 7:12-15)
 - a. An expression of gratitude for _____, answer to prayer, _____, etc.
 - b. A desire for _____ with God.
2. Thanksgiving was in the many _____ instituted for Israel. (Ex. 23:14ff; 34:22-23)
3. Many _____ of thanksgiving (Psm. 34:3; 50:14; 92:1-5; 100)

B. The Bible is Full of Thanksgiving in the _____ Testament.

1. The believer is _____ to pray without giving thanks. (Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2)
2. The believer should give thanks for what God has _____ for him. (1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14; 8:16; 1 Tim. 4:3-4)

3. Our gifts to _____ are to be the cause of their giving thanks to God for His abundant grace and favor. (2 Cor. 4:15; 9:11-12)

4. Heaven will be filled with the voices of angelic _____ and of the _____ giving thanks to God. (Rev. 4:9; 7:12; 11:17)

C. The _____ of Thanksgiving in the United States

1. It is _____ to two Old Testament feasts. (Ex. 23:16)
 - a. _____ (First fruits)
 - b. _____ (at the end of the agricultural year)
2. The challenge of _____ for believers
 - a. Many lack contentment because they have worldly _____.
 - (1). More - _____
 - (2). Bigger - _____
 - (3). Best - _____
 - b. God's _____ for contentment
 - (1). Establish a _____ standard of living.
 - (2). Establish a habit of _____. (tithe, offering, others)
 - (3). Develop a thankful _____.
 - (4). _____ a fearful spirit.
 - (5). Make it a _____ to seek God's will for your life in _____. (Phil. 3:8)

