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*"And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine" (Ezekiel 47:12).*

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# ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS' PRESENCE BY GIVING THANKS

by David Royer

At this time of year, we naturally have thankfulness in our minds and hearts for God and His son, Jesus. God showed us His great love for us when He created the pathway to our everlasting life. You see, God sent his only begotten son, Jesus, the Christ, to die for us while we were yet sinners. (see Romans 5:8). Jesus sacrificed Himself for us by taking the punishment we deserve. He took our place!

Based on Christ's sacrifice, God forgives our sins by grace. In other words, we have received this undeserved blessing of salvation. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Being grateful to Jesus will draw us closer to Him. When the Savior invites us to "draw near" to Him, it is similar to when He says, "Follow Me." *"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."* (John 12:26). Are you aware of other significant ways to draw closer to our Savior? Here are a few: We can "draw nearer" to Jesus by learning what He thinks of us and what he wants from us. The more we read our

Bible, the more He reveals Himself to us. We learn how to become His friend. He is not our buddy because Jesus is our King. However, we are invited to be His friend. *"No longer do I call you servants, but I have called you friends"* (John 15:15).

He chooses His friends. Jesus said: *"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."* (John 15:16). "Fruit" here means helping to bring in others to know the gospel and our Savior. (See John 6:38-40). So always be alert for opportunities to turn the conversation to biblical or spiritual matters. Be equipped to know some verses to explain the gospel clearly. Prayer is the foundation for bearing fruit that stays consistent.

We can be Jesus' friend only by following His laws, not ours. *"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."* (John 15:10). When we obey Jesus, even in the face of adversity, it's a sign of our love toward him. Obedience reflects our desire to strengthen our faith and closeness with Jesus.

# We Are To Bless, And Not Curse

By David DeLong

We draw closer to Jesus by understanding the truths He made known to us from the Father. "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14: 23-26) The Holy Spirit, within us, gives us clarity, understanding, and memory of these truths.

Another way to draw closer to Jesus is by mutually sharing His care and love for others. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:34-35). Love brings us commitment and unity and creates a strong bond of friendship.

Our salvation requires effort. We need a correct relationship with God through Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us. Apostle Paul says it this way: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:5-11).

Our efforts and tenacity in drawing closer to Jesus allow us to have this proper relationship with God, our Heavenly Father. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). Brothers and Sisters, let us continue to mature in our faith and trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Patriarch Job made a lengthy curse upon the day that he was born. After Job was hurt by two challenges from Satan, we read about this curse in Job 3:1-9. "After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. And Job spake, and said, Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:"

At times, we may feel like Job, ready to curse our circumstances rather than to utter a blessing. The Apostle Paul, in Romans 12:14 wrote: "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not." And James in James 3:8-10 said: "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." But the Lord Jesus gave us the best instructions when He said, "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also."

Someday there will be no more curse or curses, only great blessings. Revelation 22:3 reads about the New Jerusalem: "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:" Since that will be the case, we should stop all curses in this present world!



How can I repay  
the LORD  
for all the  
*great good*  
done for me?

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth: a place for mankind, beasts, plants, etc, to dwell. What an awesome God who thought first to set things in perfect order. When we look at the dense forests, valleys, hills, rivers, great and high mountains, etc, which came from a land that was without form and void, not having inhabitants, but now is well cultivated and inhabited; as we look at how wonderfully and in order God created everything; it is time for us to be awestricken at His great handiwork. When He made mankind, and when He made everything else, they were very good. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good..." (Genesis 1:31, first part).

After He made man, He placed them into a lovely garden with very much delectable things to eat. It was a place

where they hadn't very much work, but to dress and keep it or maintain it, because He, Himself, caused a mist to come up from the earth and watered the ground. The garden was already planted, they only had to make certain everything was in good standing. "And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed" (to dress it and to keep it, meaning to tend or cultivate it): "...for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth...But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground" (Genesis 2:8;2:5-6).

Although men turned from God's ways and worshipped as it pleased them, yet He did not hold back the rain and sunshine from them, but asked those who are worshipping Him to love them and also to pray for them. "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:44-45). Are we able to repay God for all things which He has bestowed upon us?

Men who claim to be atheist, or who do not believe in God, are saying that life is being evolved. If evolution is what men think brought all this glory into being, then they are definitely wrong: because God created everything according to their species or kind. And man definitely never came from lower life forms. God made all things, and He formed man with His own hands, from the dust of the earth. Although all creatures came from the earth, they have their various dwellings; some live in water, while some live on the earth, and some take refuge in the trees, etc. But all have to return unto the dust from which they came. And man which God made with knowledge and understanding made houses to live in. And by their wisdom and knowledge they made various houses for the animals, such as stables for horses, kennels for dogs, sties for pigs, etc. "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever...All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:4,8-9).

God gives us so many things and does so many things

for us. And He just tells us to keep His commandments, yet it does not please many to do so. But when someone steals from us, or they break the commandments in violating against us, we are saddened and bewildered by their behaviour or actions. In order to gain at God's hands we do have to be obedient and keep His commandments honestly and sincerely. "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee..." But if we fail to adhere to these commandments and be disobedient, then curses will be pronounced upon us. "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:" (Deuteronomy 28:1,2, first part; 15). To gain more knowledge pertaining to the blessings and cursings, please read and study Deuteronomy 28:1-end.

When God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, and they were in the wilderness, He did so much for them and kept them as the apple of His eye. He warned them that when they were increased in riches and multiplied, they should not say that they got the increase by their own strength, because none of us can do anything by ourselves. It is God who gives us health, strength, wisdom, and understanding and knowledge, etc, to live our lives and do the things which are necessary for us. He gives us the power to get wealth, and when He gives us riches, He adds no sorrow with it. But in order to get riches from God we have to be obedient and fully committed unto Him, and continue to be humble always abounding unto the ways which He has set before us, because in Him we live and move and have our being. Without Him we are nothing and can do nothing because He has created all things, and for His pleasure we were created. Thus, anything we do we have to always acknowledge Him and give thanks unto His holy name. In the book of Deuteronomy Moses reminded the Israelites: "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver

and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish" (Deuteronomy 8:10-19).

We know what transpired with Nebuchnezzar after he had exalted himself and claimed by his great strength, power, and might he accomplished his kingdom and all that was within it. When he had a dream, his magicians, astrologers, soothsayers, etc, could not interpret it unto him. But Daniel, a prophet of God, did interpret it because he believed in the Lord and it was accounted unto him for righteousness. He always sought God in everything and always acknowledged his sins before God. Thus God was with him and showed him the interpretation of the king's dream. He also admonished the king in the ways of the Lord and warned him to put away his sinful practices, but let us see what he did in the record. The warning was: "Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility...The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomso-

ever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation" (Daniel 4:27; 30-34).

God molds us and fashions us according to His ways. And all things were created for His pleasure. When He saw everything after Creation, they were so good. Are we able to repay Him for especially the breath in our nostrils? Moreover, the way He took His time to mold and fashion us: there are so many individuals, yet none of us has the same personality or features. He sets the sinews, bones, marrow, cells, blood, etc., and whatever else it is to make up our bodies. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. How marvelous are His works. He made man a little lower than the angels, but highly knowledgeable and more wise than the animals. If we be obedient and come to His saving grace, more wisdom will be added unto us, as the Scriptures have declared. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever" (Psalm 111:10). We see that good understanding have all they that do His commandments. So when we obey and keep His commandments He grants us wisdom and understanding so that we can be able to discern and deal with matters that we encounter. Are we able to repay God? Not at all.

He gave us the different senses so that we can discern various things. He also set the reproductive organs in such a remarkable way that reproduction can be done. Let us take for example how the fetus grows in the womb, and yet many men claim everything comes through evolution. "As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether

shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun: But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity" (Ecclesiastes 11:5-8).

As we can see here God makes all things and there is nothing new. Everything that our eyes can see has already been of old, and they were perfectly done, only men used their wisdom and sought out many inventions and that is how the world is so corrupt now. Many, when they are in deep distress or sickness, only then do they remember there is a God; but prior to that they don't acknowledge that God exists. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us...Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed...Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city...All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me...Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account:...Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions" (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10; 8:1; 7:19, 23, 27, 29). Amen.







Each year in the United States, many people observe a national day of Thanksgiving. Many know that Thanksgiving Day originated with the early settlers of New England. It occurred after the annual harvest time of fruits and vegetables. Thanksgiving was given to God for the harvest.

Of course, we know that many changes have taken place since that time. The true significance of that occasion has been lost for the most part in the hearts of many. However, the custom has endured and continues until the present time. This year, Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 28.

Thanksgiving Day is a time to remember our true God to whom we owe our existence, and He continues to provide for our daily needs. Let us turn our attention to the wonderful words of the Psalmist: "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 100:4-5).

#### **The Apostle Paul – A True Example Of Thankfulness.**

Let us be inspired by the zeal and determination of the Apostle Paul. He wrote, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

Many of God's servants endured hardships, but their hearts

were filled with thankfulness. This is especially true with the Apostle Paul. He wrote, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh" (II Corinthians 4:7-11).

Few of the Lord's people have suffered more for the gospel than the Apostle Paul. However, there is no indication of complaint in his writings which form a major part of the New Testament. Also in his letter to the Corinthian brethren, he explained, "Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (verses 14-18).

Readily, the apostle accepted his duty in the service of



our Lord. We know that this service brought him almost continuous suffering and trial which at times nearly cost him his life. He did not waver from his commitment, and he continued serving the Lord and his brethren with his heart filled with thanksgiving and devotion to God.

Like the Apostle Paul, let us give sincere heartfelt praise and thanksgiving to God for all His blessings and benefits He gives to us!

## Thanksgiving Is Our Goal

By David DeLong

For everything that comes  
our way,  
For stew that fills our bowl;  
Though we may have but  
humble things,  
Thanksgiving is our goal.

We may not have  
the highest rank,  
And lowly be our role;  
For this,  
our voices upward raise,  
Thanksgiving is our goal.

Our jobs,  
they may not pay us much,  
Like digging out a hole;  
The Lord will still provide  
for us,  
Thanksgiving is our goal.

The rich men of society  
Won't touch us with a pole;  
The Lord is no Respector,  
and Thanksgiving is our goal.

The trials of the day will come,  
And surely take their toll;  
For all of this,  
though great the test,  
Thanksgiving is our goal!



Jesus always gave thanks to His heavenly Father. He did this on the occasion of passing the cup and when offering the unleavened bread to His disciples when they were invited to partake of the Last Supper. This very special event is recorded in Luke. "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves" (Luke 22:17). Afterward, we read, "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" (verse 19). Our Lord's attitude of giving thanks to His heavenly Father should also be our attitude as footstep followers of Him.

One of the most familiar ways in which we may take to express our gratitude to God for the many benefits we receive from Him is to thank Him daily for the food He has provided for us at mealtimes. This should be a regular habit among all who are striving to follow in the footsteps of our Lord. When we begin the day, we should thank God for all of His blessings toward us. Also at the conclusion of the day, we should thank Him and ask His forgiveness for whatever we may have said or done that may not have been pleasing to Him.





### **Number One:**

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10). “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6). “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Isaiah 64:6). “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Psalm 51:5).

### **Number Two:**

The best you can do – won’t do! “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Titus 3:5). “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The question is directly asked and directly answered in Acts 16:30-31: “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have

believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified” (Galatians 2:16).

### **Number Three:**

Every sinner needs to know “...that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:3). “... And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (I John 2:1). “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (I Timothy 2:5). “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9-10). “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). Suppose you were in the third floor of a burning building, and the black smoke was boiling into your room and the hallways, and a friendly fireman with a big ladder knocked at your window and said, “Come with me.” Would you say, “Well, let me try the door: Why not use the elevator?”



Why not go down the stairway?" Finally you are convinced that your only hope of escape is to get on the ladder and go down with the fireman and land on the ground safely. You found out that the fireman was the way.

Why plunge into the water in New York Harbor to swim to London, England through big waves and water that is filled with man-eating sharks when a rich man is ready to pay your fare on a luxury liner? Why want to do it your way when your way will not work, because it is not "Do" – it's "Done." Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished." "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "... and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Peter 1:23).

#### **Number Four:**

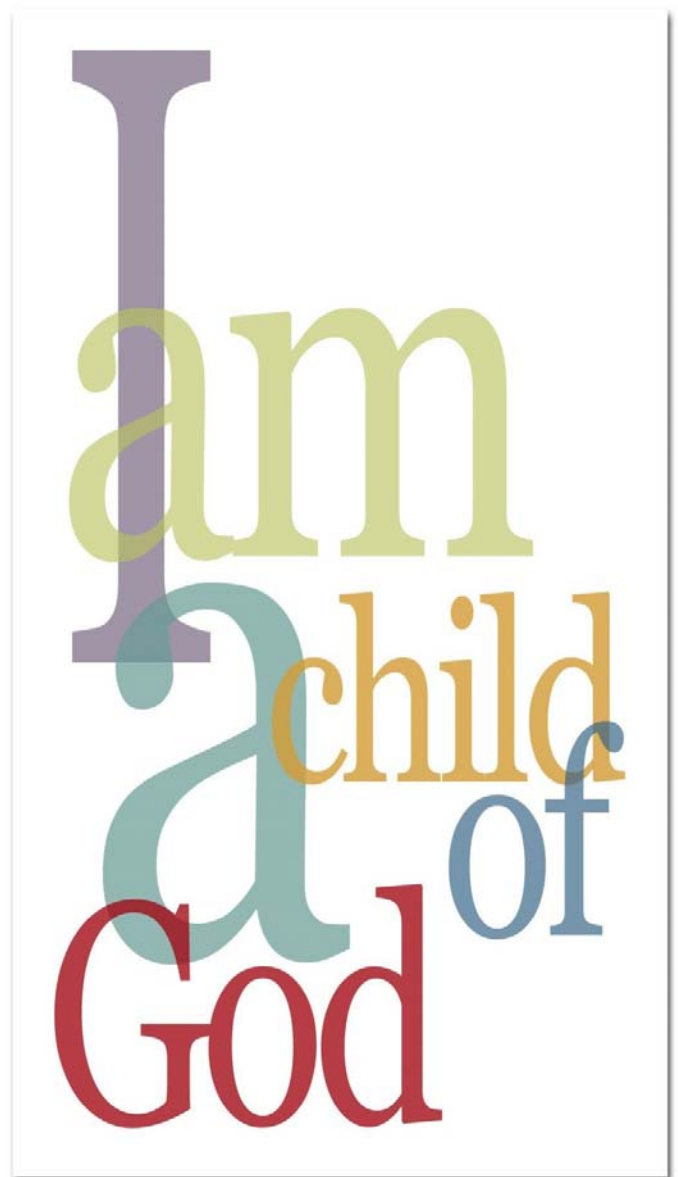
You **MUST** know that today is the day, and now is the time.

A man lost in a snow storm finally ran out of physical strength and fell. The next morning, he was found dead at his own doorstep. If he had fallen with his hand stretched out, he would have touched the bottom step. He was so near, and yet so far away. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6). "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). "... now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

## **OBEDIENCE**

**By Sister Alitha Alexander**

- O** - Overcomers will be rewarded for their obedience.
- B** - Believe and be baptized and you shall receive
- E** - Eternal life as
- D** - Daniel, by obeying, was delivered from the lions den.
- I** - Inheritance will be granted to all who believe.
- E** - Eve disobeyed and she died.
- N** - Noah obeyed God and built an ark and saved
- C** - Creation from full destruction. Therefore,
- E** - Exercise obedience because without it the heaven and the earth would not have been.



LESSON I

IDOLS

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 8:1-7.

Golden Text: Exodus 20:3.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

NOTE: What is an idol? It is an image or symbol consecrated as an object of worship; anything we give excessive affection to.

1. Should we make images or bow down to anything other than God? Exodus 20:3-6; Leviticus 26:1.
2. What are we told to flee from so that we will not be tempted? I Corinthians 10:13-14.
3. If we sacrifice to an idol, to whom are we sacrificing? I Corinthians 10:19-21.
4. What idol did the children of Israel have Aaron build after they were delivered out of Egypt? Exodus 32:7-8.
5. What King of Israel worshipped Baal, and how did God feel towards him: I Kings 16:30, 32-33.
6. What event did Elijah participate in to show that God was the true God and not Baal? I Kings 18:36-38.
7. What three men were saved by God for not bowing down to golden idols? Daniel 3:14, 16, 18. How did God save them?
8. What other things does the Bible tell us to avoid worshipping? Deuteronomy 17:3.

NOTE: We all need to watch that we do not put anything before God. God gave us all our treasures, and we want to be careful that we do not think more of the things around us than in thinking of God.

LESSON II

THE 7TH DAY SABBATH

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56:1-7.

Golden Text: Exodus 20:10.

"But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates."

1. What did God do when he finished creating the heavens and the earth? Genesis 2:1-3.
2. On which day should we worship the Lord? Exodus 20:8-11.
3. What happened to the children of Israel when they worked on the Sabbath? Exodus 33:14-17.
4. When the children of Israel polluted the Sabbath, what did God say he would do? Ezekiel 20:21.
5. How will you delight yourself in the Lord? Isaiah 58:12-14.
6. What will the Lord give to the people who keep His Sabbath and do the things that please Him? Isaiah 56:4-6.
7. What did Jesus do on the Sabbath? Luke 4:16.
8. Did Jesus change the day that the Sabbath was to be kept? Hebrews 4:4-11.

LESSON III

STEALING

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:7-15.

Golden Text: Exodus 20:15.

"Thou shalt not steal."



1. Who will not inherit the Kingdom of God? I Corinthians 6:9-10.
2. What are we told not to do in Leviticus 19:13?
3. Who did Jesus say was a thief and a robber? John 10:1, 8-11.
4. Usually stealing is accompanied by other sins. Name one in Luke 10:30.
5. What happened because one man had stolen money that was not his? John 12:3-6; 18:2-5.
6. What treasures can thieves not steal? Matthew 6:19-20.
7. What was called a den of thieves? Mark 11:17.
8. Who was crucified with Jesus? Matthew 27:38.
9. What was told to those who have once stolen? Ephesians 4:28.

6. Who is better than a liar? Proverbs 19:22.
7. What does I John 2:4 state?
8. What was the result of Gehazi's greed and lies? II Kings 5:27.
9. What are lying lips? Proverbs 12:22.



### MOUNTAINS

*Use the name of the mountain to complete each sentence below. Look up the Bible verses for help.*

1. Noah's ark came to rest on the mountains of \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 8:4).
2. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 31:18).
3. Joshua was buried on Mount \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 24:30).
4. God proved that He is the true God on Mount \_\_\_\_\_ (I Kings 18:20,39).
5. God spoke with Elijah on Mount \_\_\_\_\_ (I Kings 19:8-9).
6. Jesus taught His disciples on the Mount of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 24:3).

### LESSON IV

#### LYING

**Scripture Reading: II Kings 5:20-27.**

**Golden Text: Exodus 20:16.**

**"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."**

1. Who is the father of all lies? John 8:44.
2. What was Cain's answer to the Lord in Genesis 4:9-10? Could his lie hide his evil deed?
3. Who is a liar? I John 2:22.
4. What will happen to all liars? Revelation 21:8.
5. What was Peter's lie? Matthew 26:71-75.

*JEANNIE  
LEARNS ABOUT  
THANKSGIVING  
by Dorothy Walter*



*It was Thanksgiving morning, Jeannie was helping Grandma in the kitchen, or at least she was supposed to be helping. Right now she was standing still, holding the cup she was supposed to be wiping.*

*She looked out of the window at the gray day outside. Heavy clouds hung low, and the sky looked as if snow would start to fall any minute. A dry leaf went scooting across the yard ahead of the old, damp wind.*

*As Jeannie watched, a big wet tear landed on the cup which she was holding. In a moment another fell, and another. Jeannie wiped the back of her hand across her eyes. Grandma looked up. She saw a tear splash on the cup. "Here, now," she said smilingly. "You're supposed to be getting the cup dry, but you're making it wetter."*

*Jeannie tried to giggle, as she knew Grandma was trying to cheer her up. But the giggle only turned into a sob. Grandma patted Jeannie on the back. "Try not to think about it, honey; thinking about our troubles never helps. And sometimes it makes them look bigger than they really are."*

*But I can't help thinking about it, Grandma. After all, today is Thanksgiving. And nothing is the way it ought to be." "I know," Grandma sympathized. "I wish the family could be together the way they usually are, but it couldn't be this year."*

*"I wish it weren't Thanksgiving," said Jeannie. That makes it worse. I wish today were just an ordi-*

*nary day. Having Thanksgiving when you don't have anything to be thankful for is no fun at all."*

*Grandma looked surprised. "Nothing to be thankful for!" she exclaimed. "Why, Jeannie. You don't mean that."*

*"I do, too," Jeannie declared. She blinked hard to hold back the tears that were about to fall. "There won't be any company or anything. Only us."*

*"Is that what you think Thanksgiving is?" Grandma questioned. "Just a day for company and a big dinner?" "We-e-e-ll" said Jeannie. "Isn't that mostly what it is? Of course, we're supposed to be thankful on that day. But then you've got to have something to be thankful for." "And you don't?" asked Grandma.*

*Jeannie shook her head. "Not much, anyway."*

*Grandma didn't say any more about that then, but Jeannie could see that she was still thinking about it.*

*When the dishes were done Grandma said, "Let's run over to the Monson's house for a minute. I want to take them something."*

*Jeannie ran to get her coat. When she was ready she found Grandma in the pantry packing a basket. She watched as Grandma put into the basket most of the things they had baked for their own Thanksgiving dinner.*

*"Grandma!" she exclaimed. "You're giving our dinner away. We won't have anything for dinner."*

*We have plenty left," Grandma assured her. "See, there's another pie."*

*Jeannie had never been to the Monson home before. She had never seen such a poor home. There were no rugs on the floor. There was no nice furniture like Grandma's. The children were ragged and dirty. There were no good smells of cooking in the house.*

*When Grandma had given them the basket, the family thanked her again and again. They would have had no Thanksgiving dinner if Grandma had not brought the basket.*

*Jeannie thought about the Monsons all the way home. She wondered what it would be like to live in a home like that instead of her own pleasant one.*



She was glad for her home, even if she did have to be away from it this Thanksgiving because Daddy and Mother were on a business trip.

When they reached home Grandma hurried around getting dinner. She went to the cellar and brought up some home-canned string beans. She fixed some mashed potatoes and gravy. Homemade cottage cheese, fresh wholewheat bread and butter, milk, and pumpkin pie made the rest of the Thanksgiving dinner. But as she thought of the Monsons, Jeannie was sure she had never eaten such a delicious dinner. She tried to count how much she had and how little some others had. She knew that she had much to be thankful for.

When she finished the last of the pumpkin pie, she said shyly, "I think I've learned about Thanksgiving Grandma. "Thanksgiving is more than just a day. It's a feeling inside of you, isn't it?" She looked around the pleasant room. She thought about her home and the loving Father and Mother who would soon come for her. "It's a nice day after all," she said happily.



**THE DAYS OF CREATION**

Find all the words from the list on the left of the days of creation in the word search puzzle below.

- Day 1  
Night and Day
- Day 2  
Division between  
water above & below
- Day 3  
Dry land, sea, grass,  
herbs and trees
- Day 4  
Sun, moon and stars
- Day 5  
Fishes and birds
- Day 6  
Animals and man
- Day 7  
God rested from his work

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## **Rejoice!**

At all times we should rejoice,  
But, it really is our own choice;  
When good times are here, it is easy to cheer,  
When bad times, we still lift our voice.