THANKSGIVING

Means: to give thanks to God

PSALM 40:1-10

* ***WE NEED TO SHOW GOD OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US!***

How can we show Him such appreciation?

I. BY REMEMBERING GOD'S GOODNESS TO US (V. 1-5)

A. NEVER FORGET THE PIT THAT HE PULLED YOU OUT OF (V. 1-2A)

(*Always remember how He changed your status*)

B. NEVER FORGET THE ROCK THAT HE PLACED YOU UPON (V. 2B)

(*Always remember how He changed your steps*)

C. NEVER FORGET THE NEW SONG THAT HE PUT IN YOUR MOUTH (V. 3-5)

(*Always remember how He changed your song*)

II. BY RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOODNESS TO US (V. 6-10)

If you are a grateful (appreciative) Christian, it will be evidenced by:

A. A PERSONAL DEVOTION TO THE WILL OF GOD (V. 6-8)

1. Doing God's will from the heart is His desire (v. 6)

2. Doing God's will from the heart should be our delight (v. 6-8)

B. A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD (V. 9-10)

Characteristics of our:

"NEW SONG"

The believer's new song is:

1. DERIVED from God

"And He hath put..."

2. DISTINCT from the world

"a new song in my mouth..."

3. DIRECTED toward God

"even praise unto our God..."

4. **DISPLAYED** in public view

"many shall see it..."

5. **DESIGNED** to attract others to salvation

"and fear, and shall trust in the LORD"

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Psalm 40:5

Thank God for:

1. **The goodness and mercy of God** Psalm 106:1

2. **The gift of Christ** II Corinthians 9:15

3. **The victory over death and the grave** I Corinthians 15:57

4. **The future deliverance from indwelling sin** Romans 7:25

5. **The wisdom God gives** Daniel 2:23

6. **The appointment to the ministry** I Timothy 1:12

7. **The provision of food** Acts 27:35

8. **The conversion of others** Romans 6:17

9. **The working of God's Word in people's lives** I Thessalonians 2:13
   a. Their faith - Romans 1:8
   b. Their love - II Thessalonians 1:3
   c. Their zeal - II Corinthians 8:16

10. **The creation of the universe and all things** Revelation 4:11

11. **The redeemed saints** (Rev. 5:8-10), **the angelic host** (5:11-12), **and all of creation** (5:13-14) **will praise the Lord!**

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2. The gift of Christ

II Corinthians 9:15 - "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

3. The victory over death and the grave

I Corinthians 15:57 - "But thanks be unto God, which given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

4. The future deliverance from indwelling sin

Romans 7:24-25 - "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

5. The wisdom God gives

Daniel 2:23 - "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."

6. The appointment to the ministry

I Timothy 1:12 - "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry."

7. The provision of food

Acts 27:35 - "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."

8. The conversion of others

Romans 6:17 - "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."

9. The working of God's Word in people's lives

I 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."

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

b. Their love - (II 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.")

c. Their zeal (II Corinthians 8:16 - "But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.")

10. The creation of the universe and all things

Revelation 4:11 - "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

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