

Thanksgiving Thoughts Brought To You By the Psalmist

**“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise:
be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.”**

– Psalm 100:4

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year to heighten our sensitivity to all the blessings bestowed by God. It should rekindle in us the kind of God-centered gratitude that our Lord demands and deserves — the kind that should readily be on our lips year round. Certainly Psalm 100 is among these ‘little poems’ of thanksgiving; once known as “Old Hundreth”, it exudes with grateful adoration; a great favorite of the people of God ever since it was written. I commend it to your re-reading.

Another Psalm that may reawaken our thoughts to thankfulness is Psalm 34. When disappointment comes, God’s inexhaustible fullness and great faithfulness give the Psalmist consolation and rest. The Psalmist finds his refuge and hope in God, and so must we.

Another is Psalm 111, a Psalm of thanksgiving, having for its subject the works of the Lord in creation, providence and praise. Many ignore what our Creator has done, and are foolish in heart and silent about His praises. May it arouse and excite us to the work of praise.

“Let us come to Him with thanksgiving”, the Psalmist proclaims in Psalm 95; a Psalm of thanksgiving and an invitation to worship. When we draw near to God we should remember His great goodness to us and cheerfully confess it.

Coming next to Psalm 92, stated very succinctly, “It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord”. Is not giving thanks to the Lord a small return for all the great benefits He ‘unloads’ on us? We thank each other

when commended; should we not much more bless the Lord when He provides us with great benefits?

I move lastly to Psalm 89, which among many other things, tells us that we are not only to believe in the Lord's goodness, but are to rejoice in it continually. His mercies are many, thus our expressions of thankfulness should be plentiful.

May these few short reminders inspire a thankful heart.

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