

A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

PSALM 100:4

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Psalms contains three kinds of psalms:
2. Psalm 100 falls into the category of psalms of praise with the subscription: "A Psalm of Thanksgiving." [Read Psalm 100]
3. Why should we be thankful?

I. THANKSGIVING ENCOURAGES HAPPINESS

- A. **PSALM 100.1:** "*Make a joyful shout to the LORD all you lands*" Shout is literally to "split the ears"
- B. **PSALM 100.2:** "*Serve the Lord with gladness*" Gladness is literally the idea of glee.
- C. **PSALM 100.2:** "*Come before His presence with singing*"
- D. We are commanded to rejoice. (Phil. 4.4; John 11.15)

II. THANKSGIVING ENCOURAGES HUMILITY

- A. **PSALM 100.3:** "*Know that the LORD, He is God;...*"
 1. "LORD" (Yahweh): The Self-Existing One.
 2. The one, true God is not the one in the Quran, or described by the NAM. He is the God of the Bible.
- B. **PSALM 100.3:** "*...It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;...*" There are no self-made men. (Gen. 1.26)
- C. **PSALM 100.3:** "*...We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*" Everything belongs to Him.
- D. I am commanded to be humble. (Eph. 4.1,2)

III. THANKSGIVING ENCOURAGES HONOR

- A. **PSALM 100.4:** "*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving*"
- B. What can help us worship God better?
 1. When we come to God with a heart of thanksgiving! (Eph. 5.18,19; Col. 3.16,17; Heb. 13.15)
 2. We cannot leave out the spirit. (John 4.23,24)

CONCLUSION: Thanksgiving reminds us of God (Ps. 100.5).

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

You are not Your Own

You are not your own. You have been purchased, and now are owned by Someone else. We find this thought in **1 Corinthians 6.19,20**: "*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*"

We will often turn to this passage, and the first thing we want to do is define this concept of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We try to answer what it means for the Holy Spirit to be in you. When you study this concept, you will learn that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a reference to the influence of the teachings of the Holy Spirit, the Bible.

But in our reading of this verse, we need to also give attention to the second part of the verse. This verse says that the Holy Spirit is in you, but then says that you are not your own. This passage actually gives us two thoughts that we need to know. First, do you not know that the Holy Spirit is in you. Second, do you now know that you are not your own.

1 Corinthians 6.20 goes not to say, "*for you were bought at a price.*" If you turn to 1 Peter 1.18,19, you will learn that your purchase price was the blood of Jesus. I have been purchased by the blood of Jesus. And now I belong to God. That means that I am to reject everything about myself, strip myself of my identity and take on the identity of Jesus Christ.

Do you know that you are not your own? Knowing this, we live our lives, not for ourselves, but to glorify God and His Son (1 Cor. 6.20; Gal. 2.20).

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UNDERSTANDING REMISSION

ROMANS 3:26

INTRODUCTION:

1. Reconciliation expresses being at one with God. Similarly, “remission” expresses being justified. (Heb. 8.12; Rom. 3.23-26)
2. Knowing how the Bible uses the word “remission” helps us appreciate the blessings we have in Christ.

I. SCRIPTURES

- A. **Matthew 26.28:** *“For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”*
- B. **Luke 24.47:** *“and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations”*
- C. **Acts 2.38:** *“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins”*
- D. **Acts 10.43:** *“through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”*

II. DEFINITION

- A. The word defined.
 1. Remission: “cancellation of a debt” [Dictionary.com]
 2. Aphasis: “To send away from”
 3. Apolyo: “to loosen away from” Divorce. (Luke 6.37)
 4. Charizomai: “grace” (2 Cor. 2.10; Eph. 2.4-7)
- B. Illustration: Like an etch-a-sketch, remission is erasing past mistakes. (Heb. 8.12)

III. EXPLANATION

- A. **Romans 5.1:** *“Therefore, having been justified by faith”*
- B. **Romans 5.1:** *“we have peace with God”* (Rom. 1.18; 5.9)
- C. **Romans 5.2:** *“we have access into this grace”*
- D. **Romans 5.3:** *“and rejoice in hope”*

IV. APPLICATION

- A. With remission, I have no more consciousness of sin.
 1. **Hebrews 10.2:** *“no more consciousness of sins.”*
 2. Consciousness (suneido): To know together.
- B. With remission, I am a new creation. (2 Cor. 5.17)

CONCLUSION: Are you thankful for forgiveness? (1 Tim. 1.12-14)

I AM THANKFUL

In just a few days, many will be gathered around the table with their loved ones to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. Before you eat, you bow your heads to pray, and express thanks to God. If we go through the New Testament, we will find Paul using the words, *“I thank my God.”* Those are Paul’s words, but they are being guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3.16). So you have God directing Paul to write, *“I thank my God”* (Rom. 1.8). In Psalm 30, we find three reasons why we should be thankful.

We are to be thankful for God’s protection. In Psalm 30, David wrote, *“I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.”* The word translated as “lifted me up” carries the idea of being lifted out of the pit. David is giving thanks to God for lifting him out of the pit of despair so that his enemies could not rejoice. In spite of all the turmoil in David’s life with all his enemies, God was involved in his life and allowed him to live with peace of mind. Like David, we can be thankful that God will protect us and not leave us in the pit of despair. He will never leave us when we are down (Heb. 13.5).

We are to be thankful for God’s pardon. In Psalm 30.4, David says to *“give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.”* He then writes why. In verse 5, he continues, *“For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life”* (Ps. 30.5). To put it another way, God does not carry a grudge, because He delights in mercy (Micah 7.18,19). Like David, we can be thankful that God does not remain angry, but is quick to forgive. In 2 Peter 3.9, we are told that God is *“longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* Longsuffering literally means that God takes a long time to become angry. When He does get angry, He is not angry very long. Why? Because He is a God who does not want us to perish. He is a God who wants to forgive. When we do what He commands us to do to receive His forgiveness, He is quick to forgive.

We are to be thankful for God’s provisions. In Psalm 30.6, David writes, *“Now in my prosperity I said, ‘I shall never be moved.’”* Contextually, we are reading about material prosperity. We are to be thankful for our material prosperity (Deut. 8.17,18). We are also to be thankful for our spiritual prosperity. In **Titus 1.14:** *“And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant.”* The grace of God that was gifted to me through faith and love is not just abundant. It is exceedingly abundant. And for that we are thankful.

We are a people much blessed. These are just a few of the many things for which we ought to always let God know that we are thankful. Only Christians enjoy *“every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”* (Eph. 1.3). Are you in Christ?

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