

THANK YOU, FATHER!

# On A Journey Of Thanksgiving

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# Thanksgiving!

What should our response be to God's continual provision and protection? **Thanksgiving!** God has called His people to be thankful in all we do and say. It's at the heart of how we should respond to God in our lives "in everything."

Here's a brief journey of thanksgiving, beginning with Israel after God freed them from slavery in Egypt and continuing until the day we are all together in Heaven under the eternal care of our Heavenly Father.

# Moses

*‘This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the Lord: If he offers it for a **thanksgiving**, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of **thanksgiving** of his peace offering.’*

*Leviticus 7:11-13*

*“And when you offer a sacrifice of **thanksgiving** to the Lord, offer it of your own free will. On the same day it shall be eaten; you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the Lord.”* Leviticus 22:29-30

## King David

*“The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation! It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me; He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man. Therefore I will give **thanks** to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name. ‘He is the tower of salvation to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.” 2 Samuel 22:47-51*

*“And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to **thank**, and to praise the Lord God of Israel: Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph*

*made music with cymbals; Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.” 1 Chronicles 16:4-6*

*“Oh, give **thanks** to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. And say, ‘Save us, O God of our salvation; Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles, To give **thanks** to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise.’ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And all the people said, ‘Amen!’ and praised the Lord.” 1 Chronicles 16:34-36*

*“Offer to God **thanksgiving**, And pay your vows to the Most High.” Psalm 50:14*

*“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with **thanksgiving**; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods.” Psalm 95::1-3*

*“Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with **thanksgiving**, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.” Psalm 100:3-5*

## Ezra and Nehemiah

*“When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang responsively, praising and giving **thanks** to the Lord: ‘For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel.’ Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.” Ezra 3:10-11*

*“Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with **thanksgivings** and*



*singing, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps.” Nehemiah 12:27*

## Jesus Christ

*“So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave **thanks**, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.”*

*Matthew 15:35-37*

*“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and gave **thanks**, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.’”* Matthew 26:26-28

## Apostle Paul

*“First, I **thank** my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.” Romans 1:8*

*“O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I **thank** God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Romans 7:24-25*

*“I **thank** my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called*

*into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

*1 Corinthians 1:4-9*

*“Now **thanks** be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.” 2 Corinthians 2:14-15*

*“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give **thanks** for you, making mention of you in my prayers.” Ephesians 1:15-16*

*“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns*

*and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving **thanks** always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.” Ephesians 5:17-21*

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

*“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with **thanksgiving**.” Colossians 2:6-7*

*“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be **thankful**.”*

*Colossians 3:15*

*“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.” 1*

*Thessalonians 2:13*

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give **thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*“We are bound to **thank** God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other.” 2 Thessalonians 1:3*

# Heaven

*“The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and **thanks** to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.’” Revelation 4:8-11*

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