

**A Psalm of Thanksgiving**

By Dan Jenkins

The book of Psalms is remarkable in so many ways. Many of the psalms come from the heart of a shepherd boy of Bethlehem and give us great insight into the very soul of a man after God’s own heart. By the hand of God, there is much cause for thanksgiving.

One of the psalms repeats a phrase over and over. The psalmist said, “Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men” (Psa. 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31). This phrase makes a natural division of five situations in this psalm where men should be filled with thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for redemption. The first section (vss. 1-7) describes the times when God brought Israel from adversity and returned them to the land He promised Abraham’s descendants. While it is true the sin of God’s people often was the reason they were scattered, the psalm shows just how merciful God is toward His children. Those who were redeemed from the nations could so readily sing this psalm of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for souls which have been refreshed. In this section, the psalmist looks at the souls which have been brought low by the adversity around them. Their hearts are filled with darkness which is the result of ignoring God. They are bound up in affliction. Yet, when they cried out to God, He heard them. Their souls were filled with the blessing He gave to them. Their lives turned into joy because His mercy gave them what had been missing. The psalmist said, “Give thanks to the Lord for His wonderful works.”

Thanksgiving for deliverance to those who were at the gates of death. This third section (vs. 15-20) parallels thoughts found in the previous section of those who were surrounded by distress. They were so burdened they could not even eat, yet when they cried out to the Lord, He heard them and saved them out of all their afflictions. “Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness.”

Thanksgiving from those who were tossed in the seas. The psalmist turns his attention to those who sailed the seas and found themselves surrounded by tempestuous waves. As the waves lifted them to the heavens and then dropped them in the depths of the troughs, hope could so easily be lost. At their wit’s end, they cried out to God, and He heard them, calmed the storms and brought them to safe havens.

Thanksgiving from those who assemble to worship in the company of the elders. The mercy of God is shown in the fruitful seasons where He waters the wilderness and feeds His people. Their crops increase and their herds multiply. He exalts the poor. Oh, that men would give thanks for all He does.

Thanksgiving from our hearts. The imagery in this psalm is different from what is around us, but the lesson is so obvious. God help us to give thanksgiving for all He does!

**Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:**

Sunday Rotation	November 19, 2023 AM	November 19, 2023 PM	November 26, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin DeSarro	Rick Ferris	Jerry Thompson
Announcements	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Song Leading	Bryan Allen	Jason Bang	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Tom Muter
Lord's Supper Comments	Jason Bang	Tim Bang	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Rick Ferris	Judah Gasper	Seth Arrell
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jerry Thompson	Duane Kemp	Chris McGiffin

**Things you should know about...**

We are sending donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you’d like to contribute, mark it as “DRF” or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of December.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Heather Fourman 11/26 | David Glenn 12/8     | Dan Metcalf 12/10    |
| Viola Schultz 11/28   | Alena Brown 12/9     | Dustin Dessaro 12/11 |
| Carrie Thompson 12/5  | Jennifer Garren 12/9 | Jerry Thompson 12/18 |

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*Happy Anniversary!*

- Jason & Stephanie Bang 11/23*  
*Doug & Nellie Hoff 11/27*

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**Men’s meeting after AM service today.**

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*Ladies Bible Study - The Crown*  
*Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm*

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Thanksgiving food baskets handed out - This evening  
 Congregation Holiday Party - December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm  
 Holiday basket/gifts handed out - December 17<sup>th</sup>

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We rejoice with Tim Petty and his decision to be baptized Saturday!  
 He had been doing a Bible study with Duane Kemp.  
 Keep him in prayer as he begins his Christian walk.

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**HAPPY Thanksgiving**

**This week's Bible Verse**

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” Acts 5:42



**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*To Fulfill the Charge of His Heavenly Father*  
 “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.” John 10:17-18

**Offering Meditation**

*The Grace of Giving - There are times when we need help and times that we can give help. The collection helps those in need in addition to evangelism outreach, and maintaining church property.*  
 “...but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack—that there may be equality.” 2 Corinthians 8:14



**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - recovering from a fall, upcoming tests, encouragement
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- \*Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort, also keep Doreen in prayer
- \*Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - waiting on some tests results
- \*Lynn Thompson - health
- \*Shane Brock - needs a place to live

- \*Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - having chemo treatments, dealing with side effects and aches/pains
- \*IlaMae Jackson (Stephanie Bang's mom) - recovering from Covid and dehydration
- \*Christina Gillard (friend of the Ferris') - having surgery for a double mastectomy
- \*Brandi Lewis (benevolent call received) - broken leg
- \*Royce Seiber (Doug Seiber's brother) - recovering from surgery
- \*Stan Wendt - recent visitor, moving to the area
- \*Pamela Illinick - Stage 4 Kidney failure
- \*Kecia Carney and Kacie Anderson (friends of Carla Patrick) - grieving the loss of their husband/father
- \*Alexis Edge (Stephanie Bang's 2nd cousin) -15 yr old hospitalized for anorexia and has a low BP/heart rate

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.



**Attendance and Contribution Record**

Sunday, November 12		Wednesday, November 15	
Bible Classes	33	Bible Classes	24
AM Attendance	40	Contribution	\$
PM Attendance	25		



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**November 19, 2023**

**Worship Times:**

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.