

GIVING GOD THANKS

▶ Ps.63:1-7 - O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

▶ ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

OUR PURPOSE IS:

To Be Joy Filled Followers Of Jesus,
Who Reflect The Character Of Jesus
In Every Word, Thought And Deed,
To Glorify God By Enjoying Him
And Help Others Find Their Joy In Him

OUR TASK IS TO PRAISE OUR GOD

- ▶ The chief end of man is to glorify God BY enjoying Him forever.
- ▶ Gratefulness is the attitude of Gratitude God desires to work in our hearts.
- ▶ Ps.4:7 - You have put more joy in my heart, than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- ▶ We need to be grateful to God. Ungratefulness toward God is the root of our independence from God

THANKFULNESS: GOD'S GOAL FOR US

- ▶ The Pentateuch or Torah is the first 5 books of Bible, all written by Moses
- ▶ Gen.1:31 - God said everything He created was VERY good.
- ▶ Deut.26:1-11 - They are to give God glory for the abundance He has given.
- ▶ Deut.28:47 Curses will come if they do not give God thanks.
- ▶ Joy is the result when we recognize God as God and all that GOOD He has given us. In Christ, and stuff.

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Romans 1:21 - For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or **give thanks to him**, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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- ▶ A Thankful heart should be our default position
 - ▶ 1Thes.5:18 - **Give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 - Dan.6:10 -
- ▶ Our Prayer life should be thanksgiving, not needs list
 - ▶ Phil.4:6 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.

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- ▶ Thanksgiving is the eternal attitude of joy, expressed
 - ▶ Rev.7:12 – Angels saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
- ▶ We give thanks for our Food – Jhn.6:11
- ▶ We give thanks for not being slaves to sin, Rom.6:17
- ▶ We give thanks for our victory in Christ - 1Cor.15:57, 2Cor.2:14

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- ▶ WE are thankful, because increased Thanksgiving increases the glory to God – 2Cor.4:14-16
 - ▶ ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
 - ▶ ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.
 - ▶ 2Cor.9:11,12
- ▶ Giving thanks to God instead of crude talk Eph.5:4,20

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- ▶ Give Thanks for everyone - Eph.1:15-16, Phil.1:3, Col.1:3, 1Thes.1:2, 1Tim.2:1,
- ▶ Don't be anxious, be thankful in everything Phil.4:6
- ▶ We are to be **ABOUNDING** in thanksgiving – Col.2:7
- ▶ Whatever we do in word or deed, we are to do with Thanksgiving to the Father. Col.3:17
- ▶ Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Col.4:2

HOW DO WE BECOME THANKFUL PEOPLE?

1. Recognize that God is the giver of every good gift
2. Understand that an ungrateful heart is an act of rebellion toward God
3. Ask God to open your eyes to many things around us to be thankful for.
4. Practice thankfulness.