

First priority each morning is to thank God for another day to praise Him for life and all things. We have all been blessed beyond measure, so many times—we Psalm 95:2 "Come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." We are to be Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thanking God as we begin the day should never cease. We *thank* Him for all the blessings received; we *praise* Him for all the good things we enjoy; and we *glorify* His Name for the promise of eternal life—just by our *faith* in His sacrifice of Atonement that paid our sin debt.

Thanking God for all He has given never ceases. Jesus gave His life on the Cross so our sins could be *erased* and our heart *converted*. We *believe* in Him so we *trust* in Him by faith for divine healing without remedies; for daily needs without social programs; for protection without security systems; from financial loss without insurance; and for justice without attorneys.

Only God can change our heart; only Jesus can forgive our sins—and only we can decide to allow God to bring change. When we truly believe in Christ, God gives us His Spirit—Who inspires us to trust Him in faith. We thank God unceasingly for giving us His Truth, and for giving the opportunity to publish these full-Truth messages on our web page and mailing them to many countries.

Of all the blessings for which we give thanks to God, no gift is greater than that of His *Son*, Who shed His Blood on the cross for the sins of the world. Ephesians 2:4 "God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us [made us alive] together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)".

God came to our world and told us how to live by the Book. He said Matthew 6:19 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures [wealth] upon earth;" because God already knows what we need 6:32 and He will supply them, if we will trust Him in faith for them.

He told us to treat *others* as we want *them* to treat *us* Matthew 7:12. He said we must *grow* in faith and *improve* our knowledge of Him and His Truth, because Matthew 7:19 "*Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*"

Greed is a serious sin that wants more and more, but never says *thanks for the blessing* greed *never* says *enough*. If we would write out a *list* of God's blessings, our heart would flow over with thanks. Concerning all the blessings He has given us—they are all on *loan*—we *enjoy* them then we *leave* them—being sure we do not become *too attached* to them.

"The time is short" 1 Corinthians 7:29 the apostle said, and 30 "they that buy, as though they possessed not [just on loan]; 31 And they that use [things of] this world, as [not theirs to keep]: For this world in its present form is passing away."

Our purpose on earth is to glorify *God*, and we *glorify* Him when we *thank* Him for *healing* us; for *protecting* us; for *providing* our needs; for *teaching* us spiritual lessons; and for *giving* us another day to praise His Name. Lamentations 3:22 "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

We have so much for which to be thanking God—family, friends, faith, and *more* than enough food—protection, provisions, and peace—comfortable homes, health, healing, and His promise of salvation by *trusting* Him every day for everything—1 Timothy 4:3 "Which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

This Thanksgiving holiday is when we gather around tables filled with food—and Jesus chose a meal time to tell His disciples about important events that would soon take place. He told them that if they would *endure* in their faith on earth, they would *live* with Him in Heaven—and that if anyone left *anything* for *His* sake, they Matthew 19:29 "Shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."

Millions give thanks on *Thursday*—and forget the blessings on *Friday*. Israel thanked God *one* day and complained the *next*. Psalm 106:1 "*Praise ye the LORD*. *O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever;*" but soon 106:21 "*They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt.*" Thousands of years have passed—and not much has changed.

Let us, with the Spirit's help, *thank* God and *praise* Him *unceasingly*. Let us keep trusting Him in faith through every trial—and Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."

Let us *meet* things as we should, because we just make that *choice*—God then *helps* us meet them in *His* way. To really *forgive* someone from the *heart*, means we *invite* them for a *dinner*.

1 Peter 2:23 Jesus "Did not retaliate when he was insulted. When he suffered, he did not threaten to get even. He left his case in the hands of God."

Our blessings are beyond counting, but the devil still tries to discourage. The Israelites witnessed a *miracle of manna* every morning, then asked for something *else* the next. God provided their needs again and again, but they still Psalm 106:24 "Despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: 25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD."

Satan wants to slay our *soul* by destroying our *faith*—he tries to convince us that *obedience* is *works*—but *faith* and *obedience* cannot be separated—and are *not* ever separated in Scripture. Grace is *not* a license to sin Jude 1:4, but God's grace is Titus 2:12 "Training us to renounce ungodliness and all the pleasures of this world, and to live sober, upright, and pious lives at the present time."

Salvation *by faith* is trusting God *in faith* for *financial* needs; for *healing*; for *correcting* injustices; for *attitude* changes; and for a willingness to *forgive* someone of a wrong against us. The *choice* to trust God to supply the need; to heal the affliction; to change the attitude; to correct the wrong, or to put forgiveness in our heart, is *our* decision and *our responsibility* to *ask* Him.

Ten lepers were healed—Jesus said Luke 17:14 "'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed." Acting in faith was evidence they believed. After being healed, one came back to thank the Lord. Jesus asked Luke 17:17-19, "'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?'" Then He said to the grateful one: "'Your faith has made you well.'"

This Thursday can just be another holiday of *fun, food,* and *friends*—or we can say—*Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings on me.* We can be like the *nine* who walked away, or like the *one* 

who came back to say: *Thanks, Lord, for healing me.* Faith in God is our choice and responsibility. *"What we have done is only what we were in duty bound to do"* Luke 17:10.

*Forgiveness, peace,* and *Heaven* are all *gifts* that God *gives* to those who *trust* on the Atonement Blood of His Son—for health and healing; for protection, provisions, peace, and everything else. Romans 8:32 "*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*"

Blessed beyond *measure* and thanking God without *ceasing*—being grateful every day for His revealing of unscriptural attitudes in our heart, and then for helping us to *change* them to scriptural ones. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

First priority is thanking God for the Bible because 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"—a righteousness that is only by faith in Christ.

Healed by faith in the *Name* of Jesus, the man jumped up and praised God. Acts 3:16 "It is Jesus' name—faith in that name being the condition which has strengthened this man whom you behold and know; and the faith which He has given has made this man sound and strong again."

God *cannot* change Malachi 3:6; James 1:17 so He is obligated to give health; healing; protection; for-giveness; and salvation to anyone *today*—if they will believe in *faith* and trust Him through *life*.

The Blood of Jesus atones for *all* the sins of *all* people in *all* the world—but only a *few* are *willing* to believe and be saved. John 3:18 "He who is believing in him is not judged, but he who is not believing hath been judged already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Being righteous by faith, means our *stated faith* is connected to our *acting faith*—in God for health and healing; food and forgiveness—it is a *believing* faith in Ephesians 1:19 "*The exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe.*"

Believers trust God for protection from theft, harm, injury, or loss without depending on devices, alarms, weapons, or policies Psalm 91. Believers trust God in faith to supply the money without going into debt; without letting anyone know of our need; and without a savings account in a bank.

We are to *claim* our funds from our *bank* in Heaven. *Giving* to the poor and *claiming* our reward is the scriptural plan. Luke 12:33 "Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted."

If someone *steals* our money, *slanders* our name, or *insults* our family, we follow the instructions of Romans 12:19 "Do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord." Jesus says Matthew 5:44-45 "Love your enemies, bless those cursing you, do good to those hating you, and pray for those accusing you falsely, and persecuting you, that ye may be sons of your Father."

Meeting insults, offenses, false accusations, and lies in a *scriptural* way is according to *Bible* instructions—it is how we *trust* God in *faith* for the *salvation* of our *soul*. Thanking God never ceases because His offer of forgiveness never ceases!

God gave His Son to *die* on the cross to bring about the *conversion* of our heart; to pardon our many sins; and to give us His promise of everlasting life with Him in Heaven! Yes, thanking God every day—*never ceases!* 

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