



HOLY THANKS

T THANKS - IN EVERY THING GIVE
THANKS - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

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YOUR GOD IS HOLY - LEVITICUS 19:2

A ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT - LUKE 11:13

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I LEAVE YOU." - HEBREWS 13:5

K KINGDOM - SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS - MATT 6:33

S SINGING - GOD...WILL REJOICE OVER
YOU WITH SINGING - ZEPHANIAH 3:17

G GIVING - IT IS MORE BLESSED TO
GIVE THAN RECEIVE - ACTS 20:35

I INSPIRE-YOUR ENDURANCE INSPIRED
BY HOPE IN JESUS - 1 THES 1:3

V VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

I IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND
HAVE OUR BEING - ACTS 17:28

N NONE - SHARE WITH ONE WHO HAS
NONE - LUKE 3:11

G GREAT IS THE LORD - PSALM 48:1



Let's give Holy Thanks! The verses below are meant to bless us, as we work to recognize God in the midst of our Thanksgiving season.

T THANKS

"In every thing give thanks." 1 Thessalonians 5:18a (NET)

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7

(Holy Bible New International Version, BibleGateway.com)

When we "with thanksgiving" in everything let our requests be known to God and not worry, then God promises us the **peace of God**, not only peace, but the peace of God, Himself. There is power in Thanksgiving. It allows us to recognize the Holy God who is right there with us.

When we give thanks, even in trying circumstances, we demonstrate trust in a powerful God who is able to do exceedingly above all that we can ask or think.

H HOLY

"Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy." Leviticus 19:2b

Holiness refers to God's absolute goodness and moral purity. God wants to give us the power to be holy through our confession of sin and his forgiveness. Ephesians 2:4 tells us to "put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." Through Christ we put on Christ's righteousness for our sin. When we pursue holiness, we show the Lord and others that we belong to our Father in Heaven, and not the ruler of this world.

A ASK for the Holy Spirit

*(Jesus said) "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the **Holy Spirit** to those who **ask** him!" Luke 11:13*

Jesus tells us to ask for more of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit comes its fruit; love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Gal. 5:22-23). With more of the Holy Spirit we are able to live having and exhibiting more of these fruit in the midst of circumstances.

The Holy Spirit is our helper who teaches us and convicts the world of sin. He dwells in us and fills us, and gives us wisdom, power and revelation. He guides us into all truth and reveals what is to come. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to believers, and seals us. This divine seal serves as a “deposit” or a “down payment” to reassure us that we belong to the Lord, and no one or nothing can snatch us out of His hand.

N NEVER

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

*“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5*

When we wrap our minds and hearts around this promise – that God will *never* leave us or forsake us – we can remain in perfect peace! We can enter into His rest as we surrender our lives, loved ones and circumstances to Him. God *is* love, and from this preeminent characteristic all of His purposes and plans seem to flow.

K KINGDOM

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

If we recognize Jesus as our King we are given “the keys to the kingdom.” We enter the Kingdom of Heaven and have 24/7 access to His throne of grace. These keys let us enter into His storehouse of blessings.

S SINGING

*“The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.” Zephaniah 3:17*

The Lord *inhabits* the praises of His people. How amazing that is! The Lord – the Mighty Warrior – dances and rejoices over us with singing. He’s watching, dancing, singing and working in our lives, even when we feel He is far off. It has been said that worship is warfare. In 2 Chronicles we see how God caused a vast army to fall after Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah began to declare His wonderful deeds and sing praises to His Name.

G GIVING

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

God offered up His only Son for us as a living sacrifice. Jesus lives to intercede for us at the right hand of the Father. These are just two examples of the extraordinary, selfless ways the Lord demonstrates giving. Perhaps one of the most profound truths in Scripture is that when we give a glass of water to someone, we are actually giving it to *Jesus* because that person is created and cherished by Him. So, whether we serve or pray for others, or give of our time and talents, we have the capacity to touch one life at a time as we mirror God's love.

I INSPIRE

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Thessalonians 1:3

We can draw a tremendous amount of inspiration from God's character and from every God-breathed truth found in the Bible. These enable us to have *expectant* hope. We find inspiration from the saints who have lived through the ages, and from those who share stories of God's faithfulness today.

V VICTORY

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57

And "we're more than conquerors through Him who loved us!" (Romans 8:37) What good news this is, especially as we live in these unstable and uncertain times. When we experience fear or feel defeated, we can be encouraged that God watches over His Word to perform it. We can rest under the shadow of His wings, and trust Him to cause all things to work together for our good and for His glory. These and countless other promises woven through the Bible form the strong foundation on which we stand.

I IN HIM

"'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'" Acts 17:28

What an extraordinary privilege it is to be invited to be so intertwined with Jesus that we could be found in Him, and He in us! When we think we'll never change, or when we feel we can't go on, God revives our hearts by reassuring us that it is not we who live, but He who lives in us. And that apart from Him we can do nothing.

Imagine that! The God of the universe wants to be that interactive and intimate with us, in such oneness - even when we mess up!

N NONE

“John answered, ‘Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’” Luke 3:11

Many have been greatly impacted by recent events. As faithful stewards of what God has given us, may we ask the Lord daily, “Who do you want me to pray for? Help me to not overlook or miss opportunities to give to those in need.” God’s resources are overflowing, and the God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills lives in us, longing to minister to a disillusioned and hurting world.

G GREAT

“Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise” Psalm 48:1a

In 1 Chronicles 29:11 we read “Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.”

This Thanksgiving and always, let us worship Him as we give thanks for who He is and all that He has done!

