

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING THANKFUL



18 For the wrath of God is revealed
from heaven against all ungodliness
and unrighteousness of men, who
suppress the truth in
unrighteousness,

¹⁹because what may be known of
God is manifest in them, for God has
shown it to them.

20 For since the creation of the world
***His invisible attributes are clearly
seen***, being understood by the things
that are made, even His eternal
power and Godhead, so that they are
without excuse,

21 because, although *they knew God*,
they *did not glorify Him* as God, *nor*
were thankful, but became futile in
their thoughts, and their foolish
hearts were darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became
fools,

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Giving thanks guards our heart from sliding away from God by taking for granted the obvious signs of His Presence, His goodness and His love.

Giving thanks keeps our heart focused on what is eternal, rather than what has "come to pass."

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

Luke 17:11-19

12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

Luke 17:11-19

13 And they lifted up *their* voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

Luke 17:11-19

14 So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

Luke 17:11-19

15 And one of them, when he saw
that he was healed, returned, and
with a loud voice glorified God,

¹⁶and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

Luke 17:11-19

17 So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?

Luke 17:11-19

18“Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”

Luke 17:11-19

19 And He said to him, “Arise, go
your way. *Your faith has made you
well.*”

Luke 17:11-19

Pausing to thank God
for what He has done
is not for God's sake,
but for ours.

Giving thanks
strengthens any
relationship, including
ours with God.

Either God is as
Santa Claus to us, or
He is the lover and
eternal dwelling place
of our soul.

*A Song of Praise for the LORD's
Faithfulness to His People A Psalm
of Thanksgiving.*

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD,
all you lands!

Psalm 100

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with
singing.

Psalm 100

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.

⁴ Enter into His gates with
thanksgiving, And into His courts
with praise. Be thankful to Him,
and bless His name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Begin this year by
entering the gates of
Heaven, and resolve to
live there continually.