

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING THANKFUL



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

Romans 1:18–23

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

²⁰For 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,

²¹because, 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.

²²Professing to be wise, they became
fools,

²³and 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."

¹¹Now 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*,

Luke 17:11-19

¹⁶ and *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?"

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

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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.

Psalm 100

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

Psalm 100

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

Psalm 100

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