

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022
COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING – SERIES 1

1. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on giving thanks. Can you share at least one Scripture that reflect on Thanksgiving?

ANSWER: Scripture of choice

- *Psalm 100:4 “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.”*

2. What are two ways you can give praise to God?

ANSWER: Any two choices.

- Through singing, rejoicing, praying, acknowledging God, etc.

Praise is giving honor in verbal or physical expression to someone or something. Praise is to admire, commend, extol, honor, worship, and to give glory. All living beings to include a person, the sun, the moon, the stars, all kinds of animals were created to praise and worship.

Isaiah 55:12b the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

3. Where in the Bible can you find the Scripture for this phrase “We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers”.

ANSWER: I Thessalonians 1:2

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4. Do you think God loves it when we sing to Him? Share two Scriptures reflecting the word “thanksgiving”.

ANSWER:

A. Yes. God loves it when we sing to Him.

- *Psalm 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

B. Any two Scripture of choice.

- *Psalm 95:2 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with **thanksgiving**; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth' the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.*
- *Psalm 100:4 Enter His gates with **thanksgiving** and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.*

5. What song can you share with the word “Thanks”? Share a scripture that has statement “Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving”.

ANSWER:

A. Any song choice

- Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (Listen to Anaysha Figueroa during Mega Fest on YouTube)
- Give Thanks (Cece Wians & Nashville Life Music Team or by Fred Hammond on YouTube)

B. Scripture of choice

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- *Psalm 147:7 “Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.”*

6. Can you share a Scripture that exalts the Lord? What does it mean to exalt God?

ANSWER: Selection of choice

A. Scripture of Choice

- *Psalm 118:28 You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.*

B. The meaning of “exalt”

- The word “exalt” or "exalted" mean to **lift up**. We can exalt God through raising our voices to praise him, by worshipping him, by bowing down in humble submission and many other action.

7. Can you name the two men that praised God through praying and singing while in prison? What Scripture gives the names? How does this relate to thanking God?

ANSWER:

A: Paul and Silas

B: Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

This dialogue relates to Thanksgiving due to Paul and Silas having prayer service during the midnight hour. In the midst of their chaotic situation, Paul and Silas praised and worship the Lord. Paul and Silas were stripped, beaten, had their feet tied with chains, and was thrown in prison for doing the work of the Lord. Their act of praising God was to share their Jesus joy to the others in prison. They set the example, the tone to let others know that there is joy in the midst of a storm.

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Thanksgiving should reflect giving thanks to God through worship and giving time to others.

- *I Thessalonians 5:18 NIV*

¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- *Isaiah 12:4-5 NIV*

⁴ In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

- *I Chronicles 16:34*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

- *EPHESIANS 5:18-20 (NASB)*

... but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father.