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## Psalms of Thanksgiving

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**Thanksgiving** in the Judeo-Christian tradition is a human expression of gratitude toward God and given as a result of His love, blessings, mercy and grace. In the OT and NT thanksgiving is expressed in songs, sacrifices, prayers and praises to God. In the OT book of Psalms, sometimes described as The Book of Praises in the Hebrew text, thanksgiving is directed toward and only to God. In the following passages how is thanksgiving to God described?

*“That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving And declare all Your wonders.” (Ps 26:7 NASB)*

*“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High;” (Ps 50:14)*

*“I will praise the name of God with song And magnify Him with thanksgiving.” (Ps 69:30)*

*“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all gods,” (Ps 95:2-3)*

*“Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.” (Ps 100:4)*

*“Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, And tell of His works with joyful singing.” (Ps 107:22)*

*“To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD.” (PS 116:17)*

*“Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises to our God on the lyre,” (Ps 147:7)*

**God desires our thanksgiving or gratitude.** In the NT the focus of thanksgiving is God’s love, mercy and grace expressed in the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Paul provides several examples for believers of thanksgiving toward God through his letters to the saints in Corinth, Philippi and Colossae. How does Paul describe thanksgiving to God in the following passages?

*“you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.” (2 Co 9:11)*

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Php 4:6)*

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;” (Col4:2)*

**Remember, God loves you** and sent His only Son to die as payment for your sins so that if you believe in Him and make Him your Lord, you will have eternal life with Him. (Jn 3:16) That love, mercy and grace of God deserves the greatest thanksgiving that you can provide.

### For Your Consideration:

- How do you provide thanksgiving or gratitude to God for His love, blessings, mercy and grace to you? By songs, sacrifice, prayers and praise?
- Do you thank God during good time and bad times? Do you give thanks in all things? (1 Th 5:16-18)
- If you have accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, have you thanked God for your salvation?

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