

Good morning, Belfield Baptist Church Family and Friends.
Sunday, November 07, 2021

Outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for November 7 & 14, 2021.

As we enter Thanksgiving month on this first Sunday of November, my plan currently is to take two Sundays to deal with Psalm 100 and the thoughts that go with the subject. Over the years I have read many sermons and topics on Thanksgiving. This is a compiled sermon from the Bible and other sources throughout the years. Most importantly, we need to be more thankful to God than what we are.

ENTERING INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING
Psalm 100 (CSB)

We enter God's gates with thanksgiving because:

1. Thanksgiving is the only true response for what God has done for us,
2. Thanksgiving brings about a change of attitude in our lives,
3. Thanksgiving spurs us into action for the welfare and benefit of others.

As we think about this Psalm today, we need to think about what God has done for us and respond to Him with hearts of Thanksgiving.

INTRODUCTION:

1. About the Text:

- (1) Psalm 100 is a psalm of praise.
- (2) It speaks of coming before God's presence and entering His gates.V.4
- (3) It speaks of the goodness and mercy of the Lord. (V. 5)
- (4) Verse 4 says, **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**
- (5) When we come to worship God, we should come with thanksgiving in our hearts.
- (6) As a Christian people, we must be thankful every day, not just one time a year.

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I. THANKSGIVING IS THE ONLY TRUE RESPONSE FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.

1. God is:

(1) Our creator – Isaiah 45:12; **I made the earth, and created humans on it. It was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded everything in them.**

(2) Our sustainer – Isaiah 26:3, **You will keep the mind that is dependent on you in perfect peace, for it is trusting in you.**

(3) Our redeemer – Isaiah 44:6 **⁶This is what the Lord, the King of Israel and its Redeemer, the Lord of Armies, says: I am the first and I am the last. There is no God but me.**

2. Since God is these things, we have no right to be anything but thankful.

(1) Thankful for our existence – Ephesians 5:20 **²⁰giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

(2) Thankful for our daily bread – 1 Timothy 4:4 **⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,**

(3) Thankful for our salvation – Romans 6:17 **¹⁷But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching to which you were handed over,**

3. How could we be anything other than thankful for what God has done?

(1) Thanksgiving requires us to focus on the blessings that God has provided.

(2) When we stop focusing on the blessings God has provided, we lose our perspective regarding thanksgiving.

(3) When we lose our perspective regarding thanksgiving, our relationship with God will begin to suffer.

(4) Thanksgiving is the only logical response if we wish to maintain our relationship with God.

II. GIVING THANKS BRINGS ABOUT A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE IN OUR LIVES.

Let us look at three key attitudes.

1. Humility,
2. Prayer,
3. Happiness

1. Thanksgiving leads to humility.

(1) Proverbs 29:23 states, **²³ A person's pride will humble him, but a humble spirit will gain honor.**

(2) To say "thank you" to someone means acknowledging someone else's contribution to your success.

(3) That is an attitude of humility when you recognize that you have not gotten to where you are alone.

(4) Thankful people are humble people.

(5) When we are thankful, we will be much less likely to be lifted with pride.

2. Thanksgiving leads to dependence on God in prayer.

(1) Philippians 4:6 **⁶ Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

(2) Prayer and thanksgiving go hand in hand.

(3) The thankful person is the praying person.

(4) When we are thankful in prayer, we recognize our reliance upon God in all things.

(5) Recognizing our dependence on God keeps out an attitude of selfishness.

3. Thanksgiving leads to happiness.

(1) Psalm 97:12 **¹² Be glad in the Lord, you righteous ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

(2) People who are thankful are content.

(3) People who are content are people who rejoice.

(4) People who rejoice are happy.

(5) Thankfulness and joy go hand in hand.

(6) If you want to be happy, then be thankful to everyone you meet.

(7) But most importantly, be thankful to God!

III. THANKSGIVING LEADS US TO CARE FOR OTHERS.

A. When we are thankful, we want others to have the same blessings we have.

(1) Psalm 107:22 ²² **Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and announce his works with shouts of joy.**

(2) When we are thankful for food, clothing, shelter, we want others to have these things also.

(3) When we are thankful for a good life, we want others to have a good life as well.

(4) When we are thankful to God for our salvation, we want others to have salvation also.

B. When we want others to have the blessings we have, we will work toward that end in our lives.

(1) Consider the example of Jesus in John 6:11 when he fed over 5000. ¹¹ **Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks he distributed them to those who were seated—so also with the fish, as much as they wanted.**

(2) Jesus' thankfulness for the bread and fish was translated into an overflowing abundance of food.

(3) So much that they picked up 12 baskets of fragments.

4. Hebrews 13:15 ¹⁵ **Therefore, through him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.**

In Closing

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It is time that we as Christians get back to thanking God for His blessings.

Today, November 6, as you pray, pray thanking God for His blessings and be prepared to share them with others.

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