

# Give Thanks to God

## Introduction

### Psalm 100

Thankfulness seems to be a lost art today. Warren Wiersby illustrated this problem in his commentary on Colossians. He told about a ministerial student in Evanston, Illinois, who was part of a life-saving squad. In 1860, a ship went aground on the shore of Lake Michigan near Evanston, and Edward Spencer waded again and again into the frigid waters to rescue 17 passengers. In the process, his health was permanently damaged. Some years later at his funeral, **it was noted that not one of the people he rescued ever thanked him.**

#### 1. **Ingratitude is an infectious sin.**

**Luke 17:11-19**

Romans 1:21 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.

#### 2. **You may recall in scripture when King David brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem there was a great celebration of thanksgiving.**

1 Chronicles 15:26-28 And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams. David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod. Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

#### 3. **In the 96<sup>th</sup> Psalm we read of a call to give thanks to God.**

**Psalm 96**

## We Give Thanks to God in Song

### Psalm 96:1

#### 1. Singing is an expression of our thanks to almighty God.

##### Ephesians 5:19-20

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

## We Give Thanks to God for Him and His Blessings

### Psalm 96:2-9

#### 1. We are so very thankful for the power of God (v.2-5).

##### A. The salvation that we have because of Him (v.2).

##### 1) We tell of God's salvation all day.

Psalms 71:15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness And Your salvation all the day, For I do not know their limits.

Exodus 15:1-2 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**B. His glory, honor, and splendor.**

Psalms 96:3 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

Psalms 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**C. His marvelous works that have been declared by Him and seen by all who have ever lived (v.3).**

Psalms 40:5 Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

**D. Our response the great and awesome God of heaven (v.4-5).**

2. We are also very thankful for the dignity of God (v.6-8).

**Give Thanks for His Judgments****Psalm 96:10-13**

1. God's judgments are righteous and for that we can be so thankful.

Romans 2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

**James 2:1-4**

## 2. God's judgments are according to absolute truth (v.13).

Romans 2:2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

- A. David learned this lesson when allowing the ark of the covenant to be moved on a cart instead of being carried as was commanded by God earlier.

**1 Chronicles 13:7-11**

**(Later when the ark was brought to Jerusalem)**

1 Chronicles 15:13 For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

## Conclusion

1. Remembering David's thanksgiving during a moment of great blessing helps us to be "thankgivers" to God.

Colossians 2:7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Revelation 7:12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

