

Sermon Outline and Questions

Pastor Dave – Sun 8th Oct - 2023

Thanksgiving

Title – Give Thanks

1 Chronicles 16:7-36

The history of Thanksgiving.

Nov 14th, 1606 – Americans – Pilgrims met with Natives for a big feast.

- The modern concept of Thanksgiving formed by Americans.

The first Thanksgiving – 1578 – Martin Frobisher.

The [first Thanksgiving](#) by Europeans in North America was held by [Sir Martin Frobisher](#) and his crew in the Eastern Arctic in 1578. They ate a meal of salt beef, biscuits and mushy peas to celebrate and give thanks for their safe arrival in what is now [Nunavut](#). They celebrated Communion and formally expressed their thanks through the ship's Chaplain, Robert Wollfall, who, according to explorer Richard Collinson, "made unto them a godly sermon, exhorting them especially to be thankful to God for their strange and miraculous deliverance in those so dangerous places [sic]." – The Canadian Encyclopedia

Old Testament and New Testament Thanksgiving directly related to and given to God.

As people of God, it should be automatic.

- We are prone to circumstances impacting us and then we struggle to give Thanks.

It is possible to find Thanksgiving even in the worst of circumstances.

1 Chronicle's 16 – the first Psalm of Thanksgiving that Israel was immersed in.

See what goes on.

1 and 2 Chronicles were likely one book.

- Likely written by Ezra.
- 450 BC.
- 500 years after King David lived.
- Written to Jews returning to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity.

In returning to their home country, they found...

- the capital demolished.
- That they were the laughingstock of the area – due to be overthrown and captives.
- Returning as a remnant with nothing.
- Adam to the Babylonian Captivity is its breadth.

Key element – Psalm of Thanksgiving – singing before God.

Ezra – in the middle of all this struggle and still we can find things to be thankful for.

Reference made to the Arch of the Covenant being transported incorrectly and touched – David having to be corrected in this.

- David then finally doing it right and returning it to Tent of Meeting.

Point #1 – Give Thanks to God because he is worthy of it.

David – “We need to have a time of thanksgiving.

1 Chronicles 16:1-6 Christian Standard Bible

¹ They brought the ark of God and placed it inside the tent David had pitched for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings in God’s presence. ² When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. ³ Then he distributed to each and every Israelite, both men and women, a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake.

⁴ David appointed some of the Levites to be ministers before the ark of the LORD, to celebrate the LORD God of Israel, and to give thanks and praise to him. ⁵ Asaph was the chief and Zechariah was second to him. Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel played the harps and lyres, while Asaph sounded the cymbals ⁶ and the priests Benaiah and Jahaziel blew the trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.

- The Levites soul responsibility was to give Praise and Thanksgiving.

1 Chronicles 16:7-36 Christian Standard Bible

David’s Psalm of Thanksgiving

⁷ On that day David decreed for the first time that thanks be given to the LORD by Asaph and his relatives:

⁸ Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
proclaim his deeds among the peoples.

⁹ Sing to him; sing praise to him;
tell about all his wondrous works!

¹⁰ Boast in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.

¹² Remember the wondrous works he has done,
his wonders, and the judgments he has pronounced,^[a]

¹³ you offspring of Israel his servant,
Jacob's descendants—his chosen ones.

¹⁴ He is the LORD our God;
his judgments govern the whole earth.

¹⁵ Remember his covenant forever—
the promise he ordained for a thousand generations,

¹⁶ the covenant he made with Abraham,
swore^[b] to Isaac,

¹⁷ and confirmed to Jacob as a decree,
and to Israel as a permanent covenant:

¹⁸ "I will give the land of Canaan to you
as your inherited portion."

¹⁹ When they^[c] were few in number,
very few indeed, and resident aliens in Canaan

²⁰ wandering from nation to nation
and from one kingdom to another,

²¹ he allowed no one to oppress them;
he rebuked kings on their behalf:

²² "Do not touch my anointed ones
or harm my prophets."

²³ Let the whole earth sing to the LORD.
Proclaim his salvation from day to day.

²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations,
his wondrous works among all peoples.

²⁵ For the LORD is great and highly praised;
he is feared above all gods.

²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.

²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
bring an offering and come before him.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

³⁰ let the whole earth tremble before him.
The world is firmly established;
it cannot be shaken.

³¹ Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

³² Let the sea and all that fills it resound;
let the fields and everything in them exult.

³³ Then the trees of the forest will shout for joy before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

³⁴ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his faithful love endures forever.

³⁵ And say, "Save us, God of our salvation;
gather us and rescue us from the nations
so that we may give thanks to your holy name
and rejoice in your praise.

³⁶ Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
from everlasting to everlasting."

- Taken from Psalm 105 and put together with other Psalms.

Verse 8 – Command #1

- The reason we sing praises at the front end of the service – attributed to God.

Verse 8 – 13

- We get to brag about – boast in his Holy name.

Question - We are to give thanks because he is worthy of it – Why?

Because...

- He spoke everything into existence – creating all things.
- Basking in the majesty of all creation – His creation.

Pastor Dave referenced this quote from a friend.

“God has got enough power in the tip of his pinky”!

- Demonstrating that power of God almighty.

We tend to put God in a box!

David – reflection of Psalm 139

Psalm 139

The All-Knowing, Ever-Present God

For the choir director. A psalm of David.

¹ LORD, you have searched me and known me.

David – “You are everywhere present all the time – always with us – by our side.

Verses 1 – 6 – talk of the omniscience of God.

Verses 7-12 – talk about the omnipresence of God.

Verses 13 – 18 – talk of the omnipotence of God.

Key Point – God calms the storms – example - Jesus on the sea of Galilee.

- He heals the sick.
- Raises the dead.
- Releases the captives.

Point #2 – Give Thanks to God because he is a covenant keeping God.

1 Chronicles 16:14-22 Christian Standard Bible

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his judgments govern the whole earth.

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the promise he ordained for a thousand generations,

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or harm my prophets.”

Reference – Genesis scripture.

What was the statement that God made to Eve in the garden of Eden, when they fell into sin.

He says...

Genesis 3:15 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.^[a]
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

I am going to send a deliver – he is going to send a death blow to Satan.

He is going to be the redeemer; he is going to be the saviour.

- Land of inheritance.
- God kept this covenant promise with Abraham – back in Genesis Ch 12 – talking about the redeemer who is to come.

Genesis 12:1-3 Christian Standard Bible

The Call of Abram

12 The LORD said to Abram:

Go from your land,
your relatives,
and your father’s house
to the land that I will show you.

² I will make you into a great nation,
I will bless you,
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt,

and all the peoples on earth
will be blessed^[a] through you.^[b]

Why? – because the redeemer was going to come through Abraham’s line.

We can give thanks to God because he always keeps his promises.

David’s thinking...

1 Chronicles 17 Christian Standard Bible

The LORD’s Covenant with David

17 When David had settled into his palace, he said to the prophet Nathan, “Look! I am living in a cedar house while the ark of the LORD’s covenant is under tent curtains.”

God’s response is you will not build a temple, I will!

1 Chronicles 17:10 Christian Standard Bible

10 ever since the day I ordered judges to be over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies.

“Furthermore, I declare to you that the LORD himself will build a house for you.

- Fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ.
- The line of David carried on.
- Jesus’ kingdom will have to no end.
- God keeping his covenant.

Luke 1:26-33 Christian Standard Bible

Gabriel Predicts Jesus’s Birth

26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, **27** to a virgin engaged^[a] to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. **28** And the angel came to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you.”^[b] **29** But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. **30** Then the angel told her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. **33** He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.”

- We give thanks to God because he is a covenant keeping God.

Point #3 – We give thanks to God because God provides for His people.

First, Salvation for His people – one of the ways!

- Salvation for those who would believe.

We give Thanks for other things.

- Protection.
- Our needs.
- God working in situations through people.
- Boldness and courage to step in and speak the truth of the gospel.
- Being able to sing praises in the midst of trials – God providing in the moment boldness and courage.

Point #4 – We give thanks because God is sovereign.

1 Chronicles 16:23-30 Christian Standard Bible

²³ Let the whole earth sing to the LORD.

Proclaim his salvation from day to day.

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his wondrous works among all peoples.

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²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
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Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

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The world is firmly established;
it cannot be shaken.

- We thank God because he is sovereign.
- Anything we worship are a worthless, meaningless replacement, leaving us wanting as they are worthless.

God is above all Gods - Sovereign over all things.

Reference made to the end of 2 Chronicles – last thing – the decree of Silas to leave Babylon.

- God worked in this guy in a way that should never have been.
- God is working his plan.

As we look at our own country – thinking that the government has all the answers!

- But that God is in control of all of this.

1 Chronicles 16:27 Christian Standard Bible

²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.

Isaiah 6:3 Christian Standard Bible

³ And one called to another:

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies;
his glory fills the whole earth.

Revelation 4:8 Christian Standard Bible

⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop,^[a] saying,

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Revelation 4:9-10 Christian Standard Bible

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, the one who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before the one seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne and say.

Point #5 – We give thanks to God because it is an act of obedience from his people.

1 Chronicles 16:31-36 Christian Standard Bible

³¹ Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

³² Let the sea and all that fills it resound;
let the fields and everything in them exult.

³³ Then the trees of the forest will shout for joy before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

³⁴ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his faithful love endures forever.

³⁵ And say, “Save us, God of our salvation;
gather us and rescue us from the nations
so that we may give thanks to your holy name
and rejoice in your praise.

³⁶ Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
from everlasting to everlasting.”

Then all the people said, “Amen” and “Praise the LORD.”

- Give thanks to the Lord because he is good – this is a command.

If we keep good in the forefront of our mind, we will live this out – out of obedience.

- We sometimes really struggle to give thanks to God, but we really shouldn't, because it is an act of obedience for us his people.

Sometimes we don't give thanks to God because we are constantly grumbling and complaining.

Question – Am I somebody who complains or am I someone who give thanks to God?

- Complaining is sin.

Psalm 106 – God disciplining due to their complaining spirit.

- A lacking a trust and contentment in in God
- They didn't want to see.

Philippians 2:14 – the religious leaders in the gospels always complaining.

Luke 19 – Jesus confronts them on their complaining.

We as Christians of all people should be grateful.

We should be saying – “What can I be Thankful for, because of what you have blessed me with.”

- Especially in times of struggle.

Philippians 4:6 Christian Standard Bible

⁶ Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- We are not to worry about anything.

Ephesians 5:19-20 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

- Always for everything – *A tall order!*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray constantly, ¹⁸ give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

If we want to do God's will, we need to be thankful in everything as he has commanded.

- You can only truly be thankful when you have a personal relationship with God.

Christians –

Question – How are you doing with your thanksgiving?

- Is it thanksgiving?

Or

- Is it only in the trial and tribulation times?

We should confess our complaining hearts – “Develop in me a heart of true thanksgiving”.

Quote – Matthew Henry.

As he reflected on the incident, Henry said, “Let me be thankful, first, because he never robbed me before; second, because although he took my purse, he did not take my life; third, because although he took all I possessed, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.”

- This is the right kind of thanksgiving given in the right direction to God.