

SAYING “THANK YOU”...

One of my favorite passages in the Psalms goes like this:

Oh, give thanks to the LORD!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;

Talk of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

Seek the LORD and His strength;

Seek His face evermore!

Remember His marvelous works which He has done... (Psalm 105:1-5a)

There’s a big message in those few short verses... what an incredible exhortation to seek God, and to let our lives proclaim His greatness. But notice how the passage starts: **“O GIVE THANKS!”** It’s been said that thanksgiving is the purest expression of prayer, because it seeks nothing for itself – only the privilege of magnifying God. Scripture makes it clear that God loves thanksgiving, and He draws near in a special way to the grateful heart. It is no coincidence that one of the most frequently repeated expressions of praise in the Bible goes like this:

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever! (1 Chronicles 16:34)

If there’s one area in which many Christians tend to come up short, it’s that of thanksgiving. This month of November is a valuable reminder for us to tell the Lord **“Thank You”** for all the little things He has done. Let’s ask Him to cultivate a more thankful heart in us, that we may give Him greater glory. I believe you’ll find that *the more thankful you are, the more you enjoy the blessings* He’s given you. And you’ll become more aware of His abiding presence in your life.

May the Lord bless you abundantly in the days ahead, showering you with the awareness of His love.

Thankful for each of you,

Pastor Matthew Casey
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