

"THE POWER OF GOD IN PRAYER"

Five Week Bible Class:

1. God's Power
 2. Adoration
 3. Confession
 - 4. Thanksgiving**
 5. Supplication
- Date: 6-10-18 Lesson 4 - Thanksgiving**

TEXTS:

(Leviticus 22:29-33) And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of **thanksgiving** to the Lord, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted. (30) It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the Lord. (31) "So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord. (32) And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. I am the Lord who sanctifies you, (33) who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord."

(2 Chronicles 5:11-14) And when the priests came out of the Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had consecrated themselves, without regard to their divisions, (12) and all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kinsmen, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with 120 priests who were trumpeters; (13) and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and **thanksgiving** to the Lord), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, (14) so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

The Book of Psalms: (Ps. 26:7; 50:14-23; 69:30; 95:2; 100:4; 107:22; 116:17; 147:7)

(Amos 4:4-5) "Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; (5) offer a sacrifice of **thanksgiving** of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel!" declares the Lord GOD.

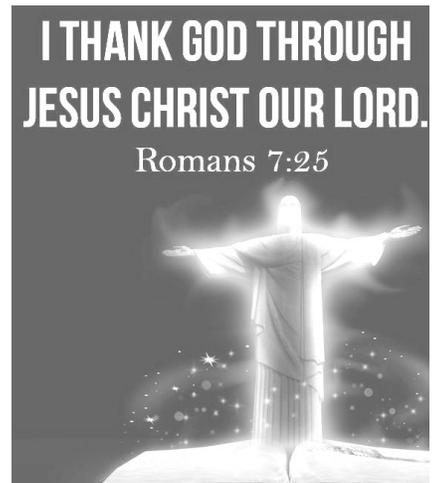
(2 Corinthians 4:13-16) Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, (14) knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (15) For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase **thanksgiving**, to the glory of God. (16) So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

(2 Corinthians 9:8-11) (8) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (9) As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." (10) He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (11) You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce **thanksgiving** to God.

(Ephesians 5:1-4) Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. (2) And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (3) But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. (4) Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be **thanksgiving**.

(Philippians 4:4-7) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (5) Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; (6) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Colossians 2:5-7) For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. (6) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, (7) rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in **thanksgiving**.



(Colossians 4:2-4) Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with **thanksgiving**. (3) At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison-- (4) that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

(1 Thessalonians 3:8-13) For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. (9) For what **thanksgiving** can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, (10) as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? (11) Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, (12) and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, (13) so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

(1 Timothy 4:4-6) For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with **thanksgiving**, (5) for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. (6) If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

(Revelation 7:10-17) "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (11) And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (12) saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." (13) Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" (14) I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (15) "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. (16) They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. (17) For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

STUDY NOTES:

1. The meaning of the word "thanksgiving" = **εὐχαριστία** = eucharistia = giving of thanks = gratitude
2. Note: This word is also used in connection with the Lord's Supper, also called "the Eucharist"

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26) For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, (24) and **when he had given thanks**, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (25) In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

HYMNS for LIFE APPLICATION:

All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will
All hearts with deep **thanksgiving** fill.

Christ, to Thee,
with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high
thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.
Amen.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of **thanksgiving**
we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us,
Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!