

THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving is a very Special Holiday in the USA -- basically a Religious day for Giving Thanks to God for His Goodness in providing sufficient food for the past and coming year.

This dates way back to the time of the Pilgrims and the discovery of the "New World" -- surviving the harsh New England winters -- and the success of the planting of crops and the harvest.

We have come a long way since the original celebration of this event -- today overtaken with TV Sports and Christmas Shopping -- a day for get-togethers -- family, food, and fun -- with little thought given to God and His Love and Provision.

All of us are instructed in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 -- *"In EVERYTHING give Thanks -- for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* -- FOR -- *"Every Good Gift and Every Perfect Gift is from above, and comes down from the Father"* (James 1:17). In other words, we should be Thankful for EVERYTHING we receive -- all the time -- because God knows all about us and has a purpose for sending everything our way.

Immediately someone will say, "Well, what about all the bad things that happen to us? What about the sickness, sorrow, pain and death -- must we be thankful for it all? Herein lies the root of our Faith -- our position before, and relationship with, God Almighty -- the Creator of Heaven and Earth -- the One Who controls every aspect of our lives.

God made the Earth and all that is in it for our pleasure and to meet all our need. He made it a Perfect place with no hurt or problems -- then those, to whom God gave a free will -- Adam and Eve -- broke the simple rules and ended up in disobedience, severing the Perfect relationship -- and to this day man continues to be rebellious, insisting on his own way.

Just think of it -- one woman insisted on removing God from our Public Schools -- and we all allowed it to happen -- is it any wonder why there is so much trouble in our schools today? This has expanded to removing God's Ten Commandments from Public places, the continued attempt to remove "In God We Trust" from our money, and "Under God" from our pledge to the Flag. Just how far will these anti-God and anti-Christian people be allowed to go?

The United States of America was founded on Christian principles and has prospered greatly for over 200 years. Now, with all this nonsense going on today we are headed for national disaster in every way.

It's about time we stood up for our foundations and Christian standards -- acknowledging God -- and Giving Thanks for His goodness to us all. Let's make this Thanksgiving Day the real celebration it is supposed to be and Thank God for our "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," and beg His forgiveness for the wayward path we have taken. Money, Positions, and Things seem to have taken priority in lives today.

Let us sing with gusto the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow -- Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye Heavenly host -- Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

LET US GIVE PRAISE -- AND BE THANKFUL!

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