



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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Thanksgiving

SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Philippians 4:5-9*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

The book of *Psalms* is filled with King David's prayers of supplication with thanksgiving unto the Lord. The Lord referred to David as a man after his own heart for many reasons. First, David loved the law and lived his life accordingly. "*O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me*" (*Psalms 119:97-98*). Second, David was obedient. He did everything that the Lord commanded him (*Psalms 40:8; 143:10*). Third, David was humble. When he realized that he sinned, he humbled himself, repented and prayed for forgiveness (*Psalms 51:1-2*). King David thanked the Lord daily for his mercy, love and grace.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever (Psalm 136:1).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. The coming of the Lord is near (*Zephaniah 1:14; James 5:8*).
2. Give the Lord thanksgiving for his mercy, love and grace (*II Chronicles 20:21; Psalm 106:1*).
3. The Lord hears our prayers and He is faithful to answer (*Psalms 116:1-5; Proverbs 15:29*).
4. We receive true peace from Christ Jesus (*John 16:33; Romans 5:1*).
5. Jesus is the example for all believers to follow (*I Peter 2:21; I John 2:6*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

The celebration of Thanksgiving started many years ago when the Pilgrim settlers broke bread with the Native American Indians. Because our Country was founded on Christian values, our former presidents made it a point to thank God. In 1863, then President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as the National day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." In 1941, then President Franklin Theodore Roosevelt signed a bill declaring the 4th Thursday in November as the day America as a nation would observe and celebrate Thanksgiving, which we continue to celebrate today.

In his letter to the believers in Philippi, Apostle Paul encouraged them to stand firm in the Lord: "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God*" (*Philippians 4:6*). He reminded them to continue in all that they learned, received and witnessed; and that the God of peace would be with them always (*Philippians 4:9*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated for hundreds of years, beginning with the Pilgrims and the Native American Indians, celebrating a bountiful harvest. In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated once a year but as true believers in Jesus Christ we give thanks every day.

Apostle Paul made it clear that the Lord deserves our supplication with thanksgiving on a daily basis. In our walk with the Lord, we will have many tests and trials but the Lord is faithful and He will not forsake us. We must not forget all that the Lord has taught us, and what we have learned. As the coming of the Lord draws closer, we must continue in our service to the Lord in prayer of supplication with thanksgiving daily and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (*Philippians 3:14*).

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