

REMEMBER THE LORD

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Deuteronomy 8:10-20*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

We can never forget God's mercy, grace and love for mankind as He paid the ultimate sacrifice on the cross to seek and to save that which was lost. He is the only true answer in dealing with the challenges, tests and trials of life in this world and the only way out of this world that will lead to eternal life. As we remember daily and offer praise and thanksgiving for what He has done for us with providing us the keys to Kingdom, He will surely never leave us nor forsake us! (*Deuteronomy 31:6; John 3:15-17*)

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:6).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES

1. We should remember the Lord by offering our praises all day long (*Psalms 34:1*).
2. Whatever the Lord provides us we should be content and be thankful knowing that the Lord will always provide and take care of us (*Philippians 4:11-13*).
3. "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (*Luke 6:38*)
4. Jesus Christ will come again to rapture those who have kept the faith, remembered His ways, believed on His Name and endured until the end (*I John 5:13*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

In our scripture lesson, the Israelites were to enter the Promised Land after wandering 40 years with a complete generation

perishing due to forgetting the Lord and turning away from His commandments, His ways and from the fear of the Lord. They failed to acknowledge and remember His benevolence, His mercy and His promises and who had freed them from the land of bondage in Egypt and the Pharaoh's hardened heart. They relied on their own self-worth as a means of justifying their personal successes rather than who truly was the source of those successes. If not for the Lord, they would have served a life of destitute and enslavement. In the wilderness, they would have perished with no water, food and sustenance if not for the Lord sending water out of a rock and manna from Heaven. Furthermore, the scriptures also relay if we forget the Lord, walk after other gods, and worship and serve them, we shall surely perish (*Deuteronomy 8:10-20*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

The celebration of Thanksgiving has a rich heritage in our Nation that goes back to the pilgrims coming to America with the first celebration recorded on November 25, 1623 with Governor Bradford declaring, "for rendering Thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His Blessings." Since then, U.S. Presidents have declared a National holiday of Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November. Many years henceforth throughout the *Bible*, you will find that the children of Israel had special days of thanksgiving to express their gratitude and appreciation to the Lord. Just in the book of *Psalms* there are scriptures dedicated to the theme of thanksgiving such as "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (*Psalms 107:1*). In the New Testament, thanksgiving is directly connected with prayer when Jesus prayed and offered His thanksgiving before every meal especially giving thanks breaking bread at His last supper with the disciples. So prayer and praise is a part of thanksgiving. During our Thanksgiving, that is every day of the year, let us never forget and always remember the source of all that we have, our Lord Jesus Christ with prayer and praise! (*Hebrews 13:15*)

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