

Scripture Readings for Thanksgiving Sunday

First Testament- Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

⁵ "And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror,^[a] with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down

before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The Cheerful Giver

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully^[a] will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency^[a] 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 to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they^[a] will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your

contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ ***Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!***

New Testament- Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers,^[a] who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."^[b]

Sermon Text- 1 Chronicles 16:1-36

David's Song of Thanks

⁸ Oh give thanks to Yahweh; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
¹¹ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

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²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
²⁵ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.
²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.
²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
²⁹ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;^[b]
³⁰ tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
³² Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
³³ Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
³⁴ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
³⁵ Say also:
"Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise."
³⁶ Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!"

Then all the people said, "**Amen!**" and praised Yahweh.