

CFBC THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. And it helps fortify the believer's trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest times. No matter how choppy the seas become, a believer's heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord. (John MacArthur)

Thankfulness to God is a recognition that God in His goodness and faithfulness has provided for us and cared for us, both physically and spiritually. It is a recognition that we are totally dependent upon Him; that all that we are and have comes from God. (Jerry Bridges)

1 Chronicles 16:41-43

With them were Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because His lovingkindness is everlasting. And with them were Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those who should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun for the gate. Then all the people departed each to his house, and David returned to bless his household.

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING!

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

Responsive Reading: John 12:44-50

John 12:44 And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.

John 12:45 "He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.

John 12:46 "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

John 12:47 "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

John 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

John 12:49 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.

John 12:50 "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place

*Thank you, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done*

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain

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CFBC Exposition Through the Psalms

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Psalm 9 — "Giving Thanks in Thankless Times"

Introduction

- 5 beacons of Light that you can Thank God in every season of life...
 - **Thank God for the PAST**
 - **Thank God for his PROVIDENCE**
 - **Thank God for your PARDON**
 - **Thank God for His PROMISE**
 - **Thank God for PARADISE**

Background to Psalm 9

- David wrote this as a *thanksgiving psalm* for God's justice & coming judgment!
- There are 4 repeated themes in psalm 9:
 1. **The KINGSHIP of God**
 2. **The JUDGMENT of God**
 3. **The TELLING of God's deeds**
 4. **The THANKSGIVING/PRAISE of God**

THESIS — I want to compel you to make David’s words your own in v.1a: **“I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart...”**

Psalm 9 will explain “Giving Thanks” in 4 ways...

1. Give Thanks **WITH JOYFUL PRAISES!** (1-2)

v.1 - the “wonders” of God —

1. The **miracles** and wonders of God!
2. The **providences** and workings of God in your life
3. The **promises** and glories of Scripture

2. Give Thanks **FOR DIVINE JUDGMENT!** (3-10)

1. Speaking to God in prayer (v.3-6 - *YOU...*)

2. Surveying God’s power (v.7-9 - *LORD*)

3. Give Thanks **FOR PROTECTING MERCIES!** (11-16)

4. Give Thanks **FOR UNFAILING VICTORY!** (17-20)

You can & you must give thanks in thankless times! ... (to summarize Psalm 9)...

1. Jesus is PRAISEWORTHY (v.1-2)
2. Jesus is WARRIOR-KING (v.3-10)
3. Jesus is FULL OF MERCY (v.11-16)
4. Jesus is GOD OF VICTORY (v.17-20)

JESUS, THANK YOU

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no en

Eternal love joyed in us before the worlds were framed. Goodness and mercy have followed us from the cradle to this hour. Christ died for us. Christ lives for us. Christ soon will come again to receive us unto Himself, that where He is there we may be also. Let us praise with our whole hearts. Let us be glad and rejoice in Him! (William Law)