

THANKFUL IN EVERY SEASON

Thanksgiving isn't just a holiday—it is a consistent practice of acknowledging God's goodness in every season. But let's be real: it's easy to be thankful when life feels good, when things go our way, and when we feel blessed. The challenge comes when life is confusing, painful, or overwhelming. This is where Job's story gives us a strong example of steadfast faith.

Job was a man who loved God deeply. The Bible describes him as “perfect and upright, and one that feared God” (Job 1:1). He wasn't perfect in the sense of never messing up; he was sincere, committed, and faithful. But in a short time, Job experienced great and unexpected suffering. He lost his wealth, his health, and even his children. If anyone had an excuse to give up or become bitter, it was Job. Yet in the middle of heartbreak, Job said something powerful:

*“The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”
- Job 1:21*

Job didn't thank God for the pain—he thanked God in the pain. There's a big difference. God doesn't expect us to pretend everything is perfect. He does ask us to trust Him and to keep praising His name even when life doesn't make sense.

Thanksgiving starts with remembering who God is. Even when everything around Job changed, God stayed the same—faithful, loving, and worthy of praise. And the same is true for you today.

The Bible tells us, *“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

God's will for your life includes gratitude—not because life is always easy, but because He is always good. And through Jesus, we have something unshakeable to be thankful for: eternal life, forgiveness, and every spiritual blessing.

Ephesians 1:3 says, “Blessed be... God... who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”



That means that even if you don't feel blessed in the moment, God has already given you everything you need in Christ—identity, purpose, hope, and a future.

Job eventually saw God restore what he lost, but the victory wasn't just in the restoration—it was in the faithfulness he showed while waiting. Real thankfulness shines brightest in the dark. Anyone can be grateful when everything is good. It takes strength, maturity, and faith to say, “God, I trust You,” when life feels uncertain.

This Thanksgiving season, think about Job. Think about how he praised God even in loss and suffering. And think about what Jesus has done for you—something no situation, no setback, and no struggle can ever take away. Christ came to this earth suffered and died for the sins of the world, that all might trust in what he did for us on the cross and be saved.

Thankfulness isn't a feeling—it's a choice. It's a daily decision to lift your eyes from what's going wrong to God who has given you an eternal hope and all spiritual blessings in His son the Lord Jesus Christ.

Take a moment and ask yourself:

- What has God done for me that I've forgotten to thank Him for?
- What blessings do I have in Christ that I often overlook?
- How can I show gratitude to God even in the hard moments?

No matter what your season looks like, God is with you. He loves you. He's working in your life, just like He worked in Job's. And He's worthy of your thanks today and every day.

“O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”

Psalms 136:1

