

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

***BROTHERS AND SISTERS,, TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE
FEAST OF THANKSGIVING!***

**SO,, AS WE GATHER TOGETHER WITH OUR FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS TODAY,, LET'S ALWAYS REMEMBER TO
GIVE GOD,, MANY,, "THANKS & PRAISE" FOR HIS
COUNTLESS BLESSINGS.**

**WE LIVE IN A WONDERFUL,, AND TRULY BLESSED
COUNTRY,, AND ALL TOO OFTEN,, IT CAN BECOME
EASY,, TO FORGET WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.**

**WITH OUR "*BUSY-NESS*" & "*OUR TIGHT SCHEDULES*",,
IT'S EASY TO FORGET,, OR TO SIMPLY OVERLOOK,,
THE MANY BLESSINGS OF GOD!**

AND THAT'S A SAD "OVERSIGHT" ON OUR PART.

**FOR WHATEVER REASON,, TO MANY OF US HUMANS
HAVE DEVELOPED A *HABIT TO FORGET!***

HERE'S A HARD,, AND TIMELESS EXAMPLE:

**ON SEPTEMBER THE 1ST,, 1923,, JAPAN WAS ROCKED
WITH A 7.9 MAGNITUDE SCALE EARTHQUAKE,,
CALLED *THE KANTO QUAKE.***

**IT WAS ONE OF THE WORST EARTHQUAKES IN ALL OF
HUMAN HISTORY. IT GENERATED A TOWERING 40'
TSUNAMI THAT SWEEP AWAY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
IN JUST A FEW SECONDS.**

**IN YOKOHAMA ALONE,, OVER 100,000 PEOPLE WERE
KILLED OR MAIMED,, AND OUT OF ALL THIS DEATH
AND DAMAGE,, THERE CAME A FRANTIC PLEA FOR
"HELP",, FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.**

**BROTHERS & SISTERS,, WE AMERICANS RESPONDED
BY SENDING WHOLE FLEETS OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES
TO THE STRICKEN NATION.**

**THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN CABLED WASHINGTON D.C.,
WITH THIS PROMISE:**

"AMERICA,, WE WILL NOT FORGET!"

***YET,, ONLY 18 YEARS LATER,, ON DECEMBER 7, 1941,,
“JAPAN HAD FORGOTTEN!”*** WHEN THE PACIFIC SKY
OVER PEARL HARBOR,, WAS FILLED WITH WAR
PLANES,, FROM THAT SAME JAPAN! YES,,

“JAPAN HAD FORGOTTEN!”

ON THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED,, HE
ASKED HIS FOLLOWERS TO OBSERVE COMMUNION,,
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD,, AS HIS BODY WOULD
SOON BE BROKEN,, FOR US,, AND ***THE DRINKING OF
THE CUP,, REPRESENTING HIS BLOOD,,*** THAT WOULD
SOON BE SHED,, FOR US.

JESUS SAID:

DO THIS,, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET,,
THE ***HORORS OF THE CROSS*** AT CALVARY!

THE CONCERNS OF OUR DAILY AND ORDINARY
LIVES,, CAN CAUSE THE MEMORIES OF GOLGATHA
TO FADE FROM OUR CONSCIOUS AWARENESS,, AND
WE CAN NOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN.

TODAY,, ***IS THANKSGIVING DAY,,*** AND,, AS WE ARE
BLESSED ENOUGH,, TO CELEBRATE THIS AMAZING
FEAST DAY,, WITH OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,, IN
THIS WONDERFUL AND TRULY BLESSED COUNTRY,,
LET US REMEMBER TO GIVE THANKS,, FOR GOD’S
BLESSINGS TODAY,, AND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES,,
ESPECIALLY,, FOR WHAT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
DID FOR US,, ON THE CROSS.

LET US REJOICE AND BE A THANKFUL FOR THE MANY
BLESSINGS THAT HAVE BEEN BESTOWED UPON US.

***MY BELOVED,, I PRAY THAT YOU ALL WILL HAVE A
BLESSED,, SAFE AND BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING.***

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