

Thankfulness ~ Notes from a Sermon Series - Fall 2007 By Pastor Wayne Carson (Part 1)

If anyone could tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For if you thank God for it, you turn it into a blessing. - William Law, 18th century clergyman

Thanking God for Everything

To thank God for the good, the bad, and the ugly seemed counter-intuitive to many of you.

I have always found that thanking the Lord for what He has done, and praising the Lord for who and what He is, takes away my anxiety and gives me peace surprisingly fast. Now I am beginning to think that thanking God is the secret of the universe or at least one of them- especially the practice of thanking God for the problems we have.

Do you thank God often? Do you thank God intentionally and routinely? Do you, as a matter of common courtesy, acknowledge God's benefits as you would acknowledge gifts from loved ones? Is your Christian life a life of thankfulness; a life full of continual and habitual thanksgiving to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ- for anything and everything? Let's take it to the next level. Do you thank God the Father for hurts and disappointments, for accidents, for medical problems and financial set-backs, for troubles in your relationships and for a myriad of negative experiences that we have in this world?

God wants you thank Him for what He has done, for what He has not done, for what He has allowed to happen that He wouldn't have done. Praise Him for being all-seeing, all-hearing, all-knowing, all-wise, all-powerful, omnipresent, totally aware, completely interested, ceaselessly active, caring, loving, personal, good and true, for having a plan and a purpose and for being perfect- and immutable which means He never changes.

Obedience to this holy imperative will release the power of God into your life and into your circumstances from Heaven. An aperture in a camera is an adjustable, usually circular opening that zooms open or becomes smaller to control the quantity of light that enters the lens. Picture a thin barrier wall between you on earth and God in heaven. As you thank the Lord, picture that aperture opening in that thin barrier wall, and the fragrance of Heaven, the righteous aroma of the Throne Room itself, whooshes through into your world, into your soul, into your environment and into your circumstances.

We will be having a water baptism next Sunday, November 22nd PTL! If you have any questions about baptism or want to be baptized contact pastor Jake at 314.504.8539 ASAP!

"The LORD loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

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The Lord's Supper is served virtually via Zoom from 6PM to 7PM every Tuesday evening followed by a great prayer meeting! The Zoom Meeting ID is: **873 4353 7826**

Pray for the troops: USA: Danny Burge, Caleb Church. Vanessa Acosta. **Israel:** Hallel, a combat engineer & medic. Hodaya, surveillance. **Pray for Police:** Andrew Travalante **& Fire:** Sean Monroe

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Scriptures CCC Service 11/15/20 “Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled” Ed Harris

John 14:1-6 (ESV)

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Matthew 24:6 (ESV)

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

Luke 24:38-39 (ESV)

38 And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

John 11:33 (ESV)

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

John 11:40 (ESV)

40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

John 12:23-24 (ESV)

23 And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:27-28 (ESV)

27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

John 13:21-22 (ESV)

21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” 22 The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke.

John 13:31-33 (ESV)

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’”

John 16:33 (ESV)

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Acts 15:24 (ESV)

24 Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions,

Galatians 1:6-7 (ESV)

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 4:4-7 (ESV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

James 5:7-8 (ESV)

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

1 Peter 3:13-16 (ESV)

13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

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My Stronghold

by John Michael Talbot

Only in God is my soul at rest
In Him comes my salvation
He only is my rock
My strength and my salvation

CHORUS

**My stronghold, my Savior
I will not be afraid, at all
My stronghold, my Savior
I shall not be moved.**

Only in God is found safety
When enemies pursue me
Only in God is found glory
When I am found meek and lowly
Repeat chorus

I Will Raise Him Up

by Suzanne Toolan

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me,
Unless the father draws him

CHORUS

**And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up
And I will raise him up on the last day**

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the light of the world
And he who eats of this bread
He shall live forever, he shall live forever
Repeat chorus

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood
You shall not have life within you
Repeat chorus

I am the resurrection, I am the life
He who believes in me, even if He dies,
He shall live forever
Repeat chorus

Yes Lord I believe that you are the Christ
The Son of God, who has come into the world
Repeat chorus

Lamb of God

by Twila Paris

But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

CHORUS

**Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God
Repeat chorus

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God
Repeat chorus

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His Eye is On The Sparrow

by Charles Gabriel

Why should I be discouraged
why should the shadows fall
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion
My constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me

CHORUS

**I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.**

Let not your heart be troubled
These tender words I hear
And resting on His goodness
I lose my doubts and fears
Though by the path He leadeth
but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
Repeat chorus

Whenever I am tempted
whenever clouds arise
When songs give place to sighing
when hope within me dies
I draw the closer to Him
from care He sets me free
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
Repeat chorus

Perfect Peace

by Stuart Dauerman

The Lamb of God's a Lion,
who roars to summon you
To follow where He's leading,
though others are untrue
The yoke He gives is easy,
but the path is often hard
Yet the Lamb provides the power
for those who follow God

CHORUS

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on Thee
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
because he trusts in thee**

Repeat

The Lamb is leading onward,
so count the world as loss
On your way to coronation,
don't forget your cross
Press on and if you stumble,
we're here to help you stand
Cause we're family together,
within the Father's hand
Repeat Chorus