
First Baptist Dyersburg • Sermon Notes

Looking to God at Thanksgiving

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¹⁰ Then David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly:

“O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

¹³ “O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!

¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! ¹⁵ We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace. (1 Chronicles 29:10-15, NLT)

Lessons to help us keep our focus on God this Thanksgiving – and throughout all our days on earth.

1. God will receive the praise of His people for all

¹ I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. ² I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. ³ Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. (Psalm 145:1-3, NLT)

Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. ²⁰ He said,

“Praise the name of God forever and ever,
for he has all wisdom and power.

²¹ He controls the course of world events;
he removes kings and sets up other kings.

He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to the scholars.

²² He reveals deep and mysterious things
and knows what lies hidden in darkness,
though he is surrounded by light. (Daniel 2:19b-22,
NLT)

⁹ After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they were shouting with a great roar,

“Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne
and from the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. ¹² They sang,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and strength belong to our God
forever and ever! Amen.” (Revelation 7:9-12, NLT)

2. _____ that has been created in heaven and on earth belong to God.

⁵ God, the LORD, created the heavens and stretched them out. He created the earth and everything in it. He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth. (Isaiah 42:5, NLT)

²⁴ “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, ²⁵ and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. (Acts 17:24-25, NLT)

3. God is the _____ over His kingdom.

¹⁵ For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. (1 Timothy 6:15, NLT)

⁹ Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.

¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10, NLT)

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven:

“The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
and he will reign forever and ever.”

¹⁶ The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones before God fell with their faces to the ground and worshiped him. ¹⁷ And they said,

“We give thanks to you, Lord God, the Almighty,
the one who is and who always was,
for now you have assumed your great power
and have begun to reign. (Revelation 11:15-16, NLT)

4. All of our _____ and _____ come from God.

¹⁷ He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’

¹⁸ Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath. (Deuteronomy 8:17-18, NLT)

True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life. (Proverbs 22:4, NLT)

Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me. (John 12:26, NLT)

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it.

⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. (1 Timothy 6:6-10, NLT)

5. God is the source of our _____.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.
(Habakkuk 3:19, NLT)

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
(Philippians 4:13, NLT)

6. Because our time on earth is _____, we should keep our focus on God, seeking to shine bright for Him in everything we do.

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

⁹But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰"Once you had no identity as a people;
now you are God's people.
Once you received no mercy;
now you have received God's mercy."

¹¹Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. ¹²Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. (1 Peter 2:8-12, NLT)

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. ²⁵All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

(Jude 24-25, NLT)