

# I Thank **MY GOD**

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**Message Text:** 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*Psalm 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

QUOTE: When gratitude dies on the altar of a man's heart, that man is well-nigh hopeless. —Bob Jones Sr.

## 1. Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ with thankfulness.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

Paul's gratitude toward God and others was recorded \_\_\_\_\_  
times for us in the New Testament.

## 2. Paul observed that unthankfulness would lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul penned Romans 1:20-32 while in \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Romans 1:20–21 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

QUOTE: The apostle here clearly regards this unwillingness to render gratitude to God for his mercies as one of the causes of their subsequent corruption and idolatry. —Barnes

### 3. Paul expressed thankfulness toward

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

TOWARD GOD

“...*I Thank...*” \_\_\_\_\_*x*

*1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;*

TOWARD MAN

*Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*

*Romans 16:4 [Aquila and Priscilla] Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.*

*Philippians 1:3–6 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

*Philippians 4:15–16 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.*

## **4. Paul openly demonstrated thankfulness in \_\_\_\_\_.**

NOTE: Difficult times \_\_\_\_\_ who we truly are.

NOTE: Paul and the 276 people on the ship had been in a storm that lasted 14 days.

*Acts 27:33–34 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing. 34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.*

*Acts 27:35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.*

*Acts 27:43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:*

### **Conclusion—Poem Concerning the Pilgrims First Thanksgiving**

"We had gathered in our harvests, and stored the yellow grain, For God had sent the sunshine, and sent the plenteous rain; Our barley-land and corn-land had yielded up their store, and the fear and dread of famine, oppressed our homes no more.

As the chosen tribes of Israel, in the far years of old,  
when the summer fruits were garnered, and before the winter's cold,  
Kept their festal week with gladness, with songs and choral lays, so we  
kept our first Thanksgiving in the hazy autumn days."

Songs of the Pilgrims  
1887, page 105

