

Faith Talk

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Thanksgiving:
A Day or a Lifetime?

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For many people Thanksgiving is but one day in October when family and friends gather together to enjoy a meal, talk about the changing seasons, and catch up on what's happening in each other's lives. Sometimes before this meal someone may say grace. After all, it is Thanksgiving. An example of such a prayer might be, 'For what we are about to receive may we be truly thankful.' This in itself is not wrong but it lacks true thankfulness.

To whom are you thankful?

Why are you thankful?

Do you desire to live a life that reflects your thankfulness?

To be truly thankful we should first acknowledge God the Maker of heaven and earth who is our Creator. He gives us many blessings. It is from the Lord's hand that we receive the food on our tables, the changing seasons, even another day to enjoy the things of life. Without acknowledgement of God we are inclined to say, 'I provided this food, the changing seasons just happen, and today is just another day.'

No doubt you worked, earned money and then picked up the turkey from the store. Did you ever consider that you were able to do this because God gave you your health, your job, even the means by which you went to and from the store? As for the changing seasons, well, they don't just happen. They are a constant testimony to the greatness of our awesome God. As the sun rises each day in the east and sets in the west we are reminded of the faithfulness of the Lord. It is from Him that we receive another breath, another heartbeat, another day. As we ponder creation and its preservation and as we read the Bible and how God has revealed Himself to us we must realize to whom we should give thanks and praise. Our true thankfulness should be displayed in our lifestyle. Through our thankfulness we are to humbly offer ourselves to God in daily obedience of His commandments as found in the Bible.

This Thanksgiving as we enjoy getting together with family and friends may we rightly give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. May we do this not just on Thanksgiving Day, but continually because of our greatest blessing – our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May your prayer this Thanksgiving be, 'Father in heaven, for what we have received and for what we will receive may we always be truly thankful.'

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