



the ministry of  
thanksgiving  
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message

Psalm 95:2 (NASB)

Let us come before  
His presence with  
thanksgiving. Let us  
shout joyfully to  
Him with psalms.



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## A. Definitions

Gratitude: Is the state of being gracious

Thanksgiving: Is the act of giving thanks; a public acknowledgement or celebration of divine goodness

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‘Todayah’: The lifting or extending of the hands in thanks to Him



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B. Derives from

1. Revelation

Colossians 4:2 (NASB)

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*



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B. Derives from

1. Revelation

Hebrews 13:15 (NASB)

<sup>15</sup> Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

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B. Derives from

2. Resignation +

Humility = Contentment

Philippians 4:11-13

(NASB)

<sup>11</sup> Not that I  
speak from want, for I  
have learned to be  
content in whatever

circumstances I  
am. <sup>12</sup> I know  
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B. Derives from

2. Resignation +

Humility = Contentment

Philippians 4:11-13

(NASB)

how to get along with  
humble means, and I  
also know how to live  
in prosperity; in any  
and every circumstance  
I have

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B. Derives from

2. Resignation +

Humility = Contentment

Philippians 4:11-13

(NASB)

I learned the secret of  
being filled and  
going hungry, both of  
having abundance and  
suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I

can do all

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Philippians 4:11-13

(NASB)

things through Him who  
strengthens me.



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1 Thessalonians 5:18  
18 in everything give  
thanks; for this is  
God's will for you in  
Christ Jesus.

*(as opposed to  
entitlement,  
conceitedness or self-  
pity)*

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B. Derives from  
3. Relationship/  
Fellowship

Psalm 35:18 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> I will give You  
thanks in the great  
congregation; I will  
praise You among a  
mighty throng.

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B. Derives from

3. Relationship/  
Fellowship

Psalm 26:7-8 (NASB)

7 That I may proclaim  
with the voice  
of thanksgiving and  
declare all  
Your wonders.

8 O LORD, I love the  
habitation of Your  
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B. Derives from  
3. Relationship/  
Fellowship

Psalm 26:7-8 (NASB)

where Your glory  
dwells.



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B. Derives from

4. Brokenness/

Sacrifice

Psalm 50:13-15 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh  
of bulls or drink the  
blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> "Sacrifice thank  
offerings to God,

fulfill your vows to  
the Most High,<sup>15</sup> and

call thanksgiving



B. Derives from

4. Brokenness/

Sacrifice

Psalm 50:13-15 (NIV)

in the day of  
trouble;

I will deliver you,  
and you will  
honor me.”

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## C. The power of Thanksgiving

1. Opens the way into  
God's Holy presence

Psalm 100:4 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with  
thanks-giving *and* His  
courts with praise.  
Give thanks to Him,  
bless His name.

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C. The power of  
Thanksgiving

2. A concert of  
thanksgiving can  
release a  
manifestation of His  
Glory

2 Chronicles 5:12-14  
(NASB)

<sup>12</sup> and all the  
the ministry of  
Levitical  
singing thanksgiving



C. The power of  
Thanksgiving

2 Chronicles 5:12-14  
(NASB)

kinsmen, clothed in  
fine linen, with  
cymbals, harps and  
lyres, standing east  
of the altar, and with  
them one hundred and  
twenty priests blowing  
trumpets, and divisions



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2 Chronicles 5:12-14  
(NASB)

when the trumpeters  
and the singers were  
to make themselves  
heard with one voice  
to praise and to  
glorify the LORD, and  
when they lifted up  
their thanksgiving



C. The power of  
Thanksgiving

2 Chronicles 5:12-14  
(NASB)

trumpets and cymbals  
and instruments of  
music, and when they  
praised the LORD  
*saying, "He indeed is  
good for His*  
*the ministry of*  
*lovingkindness is*  
*everlasting, other in the*



C. The power of  
Thanksgiving

2 Chronicles 5:12-14  
(NASB)

the house of the LORD,  
was filled with a  
cloud,<sup>14</sup> so that the  
priests could not  
stand to minister

because of the cloud,  
for the ministry of  
the LORD had been  
the LORD had been



C. The power of  
Thanksgiving

3. It can work  
deliverance from  
defeat and failure and  
the release of  
prosperity and power



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Jonah 2:9-10 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> But I will sacrifice  
to You with the voice  
of thanksgiving. That  
which I have vowed I  
will pay. Salvation is  
from the LORD.” <sup>10</sup> Then

the LORD commanded  
the fish, and it  
brought up  
Jonah  
the prophet  
from the belly of the fish.  
Jonah 2:1-10



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Jonah 2:9-10 (NASB)

vomited Jonah up onto  
the dry land.



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4. It can secure  
mighty victories over  
the enemy

2 Chronicles 20:20-22

<sup>20</sup> They rose early in  
the morning and went  
out to the wilderness

of Tekoa; and when  
they went out,  
the ministry of

Isaiah



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2 Chronicles 20:20-22

stood and said,

“Listen to me, O Judah  
and inhabitants of  
Jerusalem, put your  
trust in the LORD your  
God and you will be

established. Put your  
trust in His prophets  
and thanksgiving



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2 Chronicles 20:20-22

succeed.”<sup>21</sup> When he  
had consulted with the  
people, he appointed  
those who sang to  
the LORD and those who  
praised *Him* in holy  
attire, as they went  
out before the army

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# C. The power of Thanksgiving

2 Chronicles 20:20-22

and said, "Give thanks  
to the LORD, for His  
lovingkind-ness is  
everlasting." <sup>22</sup> When

they began singing and  
praising, the LORD set

ambushes against the

sons **the ministry of**

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2 Chronicles 20:20-22

of Ammon, Moab and  
Mount Seir, who had  
come against Judah; so  
they were routed.



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