

Title: Thank you Father
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Choose life

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days

It is time for singing

Acts 16:25-26 ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

The time is fulfilled

Mark 1:14-15 ¹⁴ Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Now is the time to worship God

John 4:23-24 ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The battle is for worship

Romans 1:21-23 ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming

to be wise, they became fools,²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Our attitudes must change to thanksgiving

Luke 17:12-19¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

A Psalm for giving thanks

Psalms 100:1-5¹ A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Thank you Father

Colossians 1:12-14¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Thank you for making and loving us

Psalms 136:1-9, 26¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;
⁷ to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;
⁸ the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;
⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;
²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 105:1-5 ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! ⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,