

TRUE THANKFULNESS

Revelation 3:7-13

Col 3:12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. **14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. **15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Col 3:12-15 (NKJV)

Psalms 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. **5** For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Psalms 100:4-5 (NKJV)

I.) PRAYER OF A DESPERATE HEART

A.) ^{LK 17:11} Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

B.) Math.20:1-7a "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' ⁷ " "Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

II.) BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVING KINDNESS, And THEIR OBEDIENCE PRAYER IS ANSWERED! *Isaiah 63:7I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, [and] the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.*

A.) ^{LK 17:14} When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

B.) Math. 20:7b "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

III.) WHAT IS TRUE THANKFULNESS? Grateful:

1 a : appreciative of benefits received b : expressing gratitude

2 : affording pleasure or contentment; esp : pleasing by reason of comfort supplied or discomfort alleviated (²*grateful warmth of a fire on a frosty day*³)

A.) ^{LK 17:15} One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

^{LK 17:17} Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

1.) This one was made whole, body and spirit.

2.) The others missed out on the whole blessing.

B.) We should be grateful based on what God has done for Us, not compared to what he has done for others math.20:⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ^{Math.20:16} "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

C.) True thankfulness for our Heavenly Father answering our prayers! Mathew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. **37** Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; **38** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.