

## Being Thankful

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THANKFUL	GIVINGTHANKS	CELEBRATE
PRAISE	THANKS	NINE
LEPERS	RAIN	JUSTANDUNJUST
SUPPLIETH	SEED	SOWER
NATURAL	SEEK	SAVE
LOST	ETERNAL	FOOD
RAIMENT	INCORRUPTIBLE	INHERITANCE

## Notes

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## Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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## Nation's Decline in Moral Conduct IX

When David asked the questions, "Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" Psalm 15, he initiates a thought process that should be a staple in the lives of the godly. Who is it among the godly that does not want to know the answers?

As we have moved into the positive side of this Psalm, we want to direct our attention to the second of these positive characteristics, i.e., "Speaketh truth in his heart."

The man who "speaketh truth in his heart" is not a man of pretense, and this is the character that Jehovah desires in His people.

Jesus taught concerning those whose religion is simply an outward show. Jesus' "Sermon on the mount" dealt with the issue of external religion, (religion that appealed to external rewards). Jesus said, "Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them: else ye have no reward with your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 6:1). As we do an internal inventory of our lives, what do we find?

When the Pharisees and Scribes came to Jesus, questioning the failure of His disciples to keep the traditions of the elders, Jesus said, "Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people honoreth me with their lips; But their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, Teaching [as their] doctrines the precepts of men" (Matthew 15:8-9). To this, the Apostle Paul affirmed by his life the necessity of being the type of man that "speaketh truth in his heart," when he said, "For neither at any time were we found using words of flattery, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness, God is witness; nor seeking glory of men, neither from you nor from others, when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherisheth her own children: even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were become very dear to us" (1 Thessalonians 2:5-6).

Speaking truth in one's heart will regulate what comes out of the mouth: "But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are the things which defile the man" (Matthew 15:19-20). Do you possess internal truthfulness? ret

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### I. Thankful:

- A. *well favored; grateful* (Strong's)
- B. *mindful of favors* (Thayer's)

### II. Being Thankful:

- A. Col. 3:15, 17 – "be ye thankful"
- B. Eph. 5:20 – "giving thanks always for all things"
- C. Col. 1:12 – "giving thanks unto the Father"

### III. Thankfulness and Praise:

- A. 1 Chron. 16:4 – "to celebrate and to thank and praise Jehovah"
- B. 1 Chron. 23:30 – "to stand every morning to thank and praise Jehovah"

### IV. Thankfulness comes from Gratitude:

- A. Lk. 17:12-19 – "where are the nine?"
- B. Rom. 1:18-21 – "neither gave thanks"
- C. Matt. 5:45 – "sendeth rain on the just and the unjust"
- D. 2 Cor. 9:10 – "supplieth seed to the sower"

### V. Things to be Grateful for:

- A. Psa. 139:13; Acts 17:24-25, 28; Ezek. 37:1-6; Dan. 5:18-23 – natural life and mobility
- B. Prov. 14:34 – nation, the home: righteous parents
- C. Gen. 28:20; Matt. 6:31-33 – food, and raiment

### VI. Thankful for Spiritual Blessings:

- A. Jn. 3:16 – Promise of eternal life
- B. Lk. 19:10 – Seek and save the lost
- C. 1 Pet. 1:4 – Incorruptible inheritance
- D. Rev. 7:12 – Therefore, we should be thankful and proclaim...

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## Solomon Says

*A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, And loving favor rather than silver and gold.*

Prov. 22:1