

# NEITHER WERE THANKFUL

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(Romans 1:21) "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

Introduction:

The way to be unhappy is to be ungrateful. Our text expresses the character of the unregenerate heart: "Neither were thankful"!

That a man can breathe God's fresh air, bask in His sunshine, walk freely on God's ground and enjoy God given health and not be thankful is a frightening commentary on the depravity of the human heart.

Thanksgiving first came about because godly Pilgrims, in spite of privation and hardship, could not overlook the blessing of God in their lives.

The Bible tells us in Psalms 100:4, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Surly the

blood bought child of God should experience  
thanksgiving every day.

(Psalms 68:19) "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth  
us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah."

(Psalms 150:6) "Let every thing that hath breath praise  
the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

(Colossians 3:15) "And let the peace of God rule in  
your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one  
body; and be ye thankful."

We truly have a lot to be thankful for. I was reading  
this week these words written by Fanny Crosby at the  
age of eight.

O what a happy soul am I  
Although I cannot see  
I am resolved that in this world  
Contented I will be.  
How many blessings I enjoy  
That other people don't-  
To weep and sigh because I'm blind  
I cannot and I won't!

Some people have just enough religion to inoculate  
them against a good case of happy salvation!

R. C. Trench wrote, "When thou hast thanked God for every blessing sent, what time will remain for murmurs and lament?"

## **1. I'M THANKFUL FOR SALVATION**

(Psalms 27:1) "A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

A. Freely given

B. For whosoever

(Acts 4:12) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

## **2. I'M THANKFUL FOR SUSTENANCE**

(Psalms 68:19) "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah."

(James 1:17) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

A. Many times He provides and we don't realize it; other times He would provide if we would but trust Him to.

### **3. I'M THANKFUL FOR SERVICE**

(Psalms 100:2) "Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing."

A. What a privilege to serve the Lord

B. There are two types of people

1. Those that thinks that God is privileged to have such a servant.

2. Those that thinks that they are privileged that God allows them to serve.

C. We are saved to serve not saved to sit.

### **4. I'M THANKFUL FOR STRENGTH**

(Psalms 121:2) "My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

(Psalms 27:1) "A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

A. We are weak in and of ourselves.

## **5. I'M THANKFUL FOR SATISFACTIONS**

(Psalms 103:5) "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

A. Do you know anyone else who really satisfies?

B. Do you know of anything else that really satisfies?

(Psalms 16:11) "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

## **6. I'M THANKFUL FOR A SONG**

(Psalms 40:3) "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD."

A. My grandmother used to sing all the time.

B. There's a new song in my heart since the Saviour set me free.

C. We truly have a lot to be thankful for.

(Proverbs 17:22) "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

(Philippians 4:4) "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice."

## **7. I'M THANKFUL FOR THE SECURITY**

(John 10:28) "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

A. I know that I'm saved and I know that I'm saved forever.

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

(1 John 5:13) "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

## **8. I'M THANKFUL FOR THE SAINTS**

(1 John 1:7) "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

A. With all their faults they are still my crowd.

B. I'm thankful for those real Christians that I have the privilege to meet and mean so much to me.

## **9. I'M THANKFUL FOR THE SECOND COMING**

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-17) "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. {14} For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. {15} For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. {16} For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: {17} Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

(Revelation 7:17) "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Close:

Let us move from Grumbling Plaza to Thanksgiving Place and truly advertise the grace of God. And until He comes, let us in all things give thanks for it truly is the will of God.

(1 Thessalonians 5:18) "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."