

OT _____ AND _____ FOR THANKSGIVING

Romans 1:19-21

Intro: One of the characteristics of the end times is a degeneration from all that is associated with God, and humanity becoming more independent of God and feeling more superior and less needful of anything God-related. Yet the Scripture is very clear about this matter of thanksgiving, and what we should be thankful for. Today I want us to look at some of the things the OT teaches we should be thankful for.

- I. We should give thanks for the _____ and _____ of our great God.
- A. Scripture:
1. **1Ch 16:34** Oh give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.
 2. **Ps 106:1** Praise the LORD. Oh give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.
 3. **Ps 107:1** Oh give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.
 4. **Ps 118:1** Oh give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endures forever.
 5. **Ps 118:29** Oh give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.
 6. **Ps 136:1** Oh give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.
 7. **Ps 136:2** Oh give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endures forever.
 8. **Ps 136:3** Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endures forever.
 9. **Ps 136:26** Oh give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endures forever.
- B. **Good-excellent**, considered to be valuable, the opposite of _____
- C. **Mercy-**_____, faithfulness, graciously holding _____ judgment
- II. We should give thanks for what God has _____ in our life, and is accomplishing still yet.
- A. Scripture:
1. **Ps 26:7** That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all your wondrous works.
 2. **Ps 75:1** Unto you, O God, do we give thanks, unto you do we give thanks: for that your name is near your wondrous works declare.
 3. **Ps 107:22** And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.
- B. **Wondrous works**-the things which God does in our life and for us are wonderful, marvelous, and extraordinary, seeing all we _____ is destruction in Hell. **Ps 26:7**
- C. **Thy name is near**-the fact that God _____ leaves His own is absolutely amazing—we are never alone, God is always there with us and for us. **Ps 75:1**
- D. **Declare His works with rejoicing**-there should be the attitude of _____ and praise as we share with _____ what wonderful things God has and is doing in our _____. **Ps 107:22**
- E. OT occasions that _____ thanksgiving on the part of the participant
1. Thanksgiving at the initial _____ of Solomon's Temple upon its completion by Solomon
2 Chr 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;
 2. Thanksgiving at the _____ of Solomon's Temple after its destruction
Ezra 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the

people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

3. Thanksgiving at the reconstruction of the _____ of Jerusalem after their destruction

Ne 12:27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

Ne 12:31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate:

Ne 12:38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

Ne 12:40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

- III. We should give thanks for the _____ of knowing such a _____ God

A. Scripture:

1. **Ps 30:4** Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
2. **Ps 97:12** Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
3. **Ps 106:47** Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

B. Holiness- apartness, sacredness, separateness, _____ from sin

1. **Apartness, separateness**-God is separated from sin and it can _____ come into His presence, therefore God will _____ sin!
2. With God being uncontaminated by sin, He is _____ right and holy

- IV. We should give thanks to God in the presence of the _____

- A. **2Sa 22:50** Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.
- B. **Ps 18:49** Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

- V. We should give thanks to God _____

- A. **1Ch 16:8** Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.
- B. **Ps 35:18** I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.
- C. **Ps 79:13** So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.
- D. **Ps 105:1** O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Concl: As we have seen thanksgiving was a _____ of the OT believer's life, and _____ was made of the _____ of thanksgiving to God. May we in this season of the year be a thankful people. Our circumstances may _____, but our God never does.