

## GIVING THANKS

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.*

Psalm 100:1-5 (KJV)

*"To Aaron and his sons, the people of Israel must always contribute this portion of their sacrifices--whether peace offerings or thanksgiving offerings--as their contribution to the Lord."*

Exodus 29:28 (LB)

*The meat of his fellowship offering of thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered; he must leave none of it till morning.*

Leviticus 7:15 (NIV)

### ❖ The Purpose Of Giving Thanks:

*... be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.*

Psalm 100:4b-5 (KJV)

1. We Give Thanks Because: GOD is GOOD.  
*"For the Lord is good..."*
2. We Give Thanks Because: GOD is MERCIFUL.  
*"His mercy is everlasting..."*
3. We Give Thanks Because: All TRUTH is GOD'S TRUTH.  
*"His truth endures to all generations..."*

### ❖ The Practice of Giving Thanks:

1. We Give Thanks Through: WORSHIP.  
*I will worship you and offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving.*  
Psalm 116:17 (LB)
2. We Give Thanks Through: GENEROSITY.  
*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*  
2 Corinthians 9:11-12 (NIV)
3. We Give Thanks Through: DEVOTION.  
*Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.*

❖ The Promises From Our Giving Thanks:

1. The Promise of God's LOVE.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

Psalm 118:1 (NIV)

2. The Promise of God's PEACE.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

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3. The Promise of God's PROVISION and PROTECTION.

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.*

Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

*Always thanking the Father, who has enabled you to share the inheritance that belongs to God's holy people, who live in the light.*

Colossians 1:12 (NLT)