

Sunday, October 10, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Thanksgiving Praise

Series: Bible Prayers Text: Psalm 34

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to reflect on the goodness of God in their life experiences and willing offer up the sacrifice of praise.

Introduction:

~ Last week's devotional was from Psalm 63 –

Earnestly I Seek You:

1. Prayer of Personal Confession
2. Prayer of Praise
3. Prayer of Remembrance
4. Prayer of Faith
5. Prayer of Hope

~ "In this hymn we have first of all PRAISE. Praise is not an impulse, or an outburst of enthusiasm soon to die out, but it is the expression of the heart and the exercise of the life. It is good to have stated times of praise, but when the soul is in true fellowship with God it will find "continual" reason for praising him. "Praise" is for "all times," because God fills "all times.""

The Pulpit Commentary, Volume 8, page 260 - 261

1. Thanksgiving is an Act of the Will:

Psalm 34:1 - 3

~ vs. 1, "I will bless," H1288, barak: to bless, kneel

Psalm 95:6, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel (H1288) before the LORD, our Maker."

Compare with Psalm 1

~ vs. 1, "I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Praise, H8426, tehilla: Praise, song or hymn of praise; praise, adoration, thanksgiving (paid to God)

Compare with Acts 17:28, "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."

~ vs. 2, "My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad."

Compare with 1 Corinthians 1:31, "so that as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.""

~ vs. 3, "Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!"

Expressions of THANKSGIVING are both private and corporate, and the focus is always to magnify and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ!

2. Thanksgiving Recalls Past Blessings:

Psalm 34:4 - 10

~ vs. 4, "I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears."

Psalm 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

~ vs. 6, "This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles."

The case of my natural father!

~ vs. 8, "Oh taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

The context is crying unto God.

The case of Kimberley.

3. Thanksgiving Instructs Others:

Psalm 34:11 - 14

~ vs. 11, "Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD."

Fear, H3374, yir'a: fear, terror, fearing, fear (of God), respect, reverence, piety

Hebrews 10:31, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

~ vs. 13, "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit."

Nothing, except the Holy Spirit, controls our tongue like the expressive habit of thanksgiving.

~ vs. 14, "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

Thanksgiving helps keep our soul open to correction and adjustment from His Word and the Holy Spirit."

4. Thanksgiving Recognizes God's Righteous Judgment:

Psalm 34:15 - 22

~ 2 Timothy 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

~ John 5:22, "For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,"

~ Hebrews 9:27 – 28, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, (28) so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

Conclusion:

Time of prayer!