

Sermon Notes – November 22, 2015

Thinking about Thankfulness & Thanksgiving Day

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.” (Psalm 92:1)

“Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good...” (Psalm 100:4-5)

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 107:1)

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection & favor...I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be devoted by the people...that we then may all unite unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection...”
(President George Washington, October 3, 1789).

Today's Text: READ Numbers 11:4-6

Despite changes in circumstances and culture, human hearts have remained much the same since the dawn of time. God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt in the “Exodus” - but after a year of travel & camping, the _____ becomes inordinately important and the _____ begins! Uh oh...it sounds a lot like us!

An Ungrateful Heart is Short-Sighted & Forgetful

⇒ X-Ray questions to ask ourselves:

Was yesterday *really* so _____?

Have we forgotten God’s spectacular _____?

(Do you remember the 10 Plagues? Mt. Sinai maybe?)

Is it all just about the food (_____)?

(The food had been a sore spot before: Ex. 16:2-3)

⇒ Will we so easily despise _____ for today?

Manna = “God’s provision for today”

⇒ A backpacking lesson: My sinful heart *quickly* wants whatever it is that I _____ or _____ have.

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⇒ An ungrateful heart looks first at _____ and then compares with what others have, and suddenly God’s provision isn’t _____.

A Grateful Heart looks at GOD and Remembers!

⇒ God has saved us! Can anything be better than that?

⇒ A grateful heart looks first at God and His _____.

⇒ Go ahead and look at the manna (“God’s provision for today”) and say a genuine “thank you”!

⇒ LISTEN carefully to the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 1 & list several reasons for thankfulness as you hear them:

Responding to God's Word

⇒ Learn the discipline of “tuning your heart” for thankfulness. It *is* a spiritual discipline because our hearts tend *away* from thankfulness.

⇒ The “gospel of the glory of Christ” (II Cor. 4:4) is our greatest possible help in the battle for thankfulness. First, *knowing Christ* is our greatest reason of thankfulness. Second, because of Jesus there is forgiveness for your sin of a complaining spirit. Third, knowing & loving & thinking about the gospel is God’s chosen method for changing our hearts from ungratefulness to gratefulness.

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Next Sunday: November 29, 2015

“From Heaven’s Portal:

He Shall Reign Forever and Ever”

(Revelation 11:15; I Corinthians 15:20-26)

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