

Thanksgiving 2022: The Giving of Thanks

Scripture References:

2 Samuel 22:50, Rom 1:28-2:16, Revelation 3:14 - 4:2, Psalm 16

2 Samuel 22:50 (NASB)

50 "Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the nations,
And I will sing praises to Your name.

EUCCHARISTEO: A HEART FELT WELL DONE CREATOR OF ALL THAT IS GOOD!

Romans 1:21-26 (NASB) 21 For even though they knew [recognized] God, they did not honor [rendor or esteem] Him as God or give thanks [eucharisteo: give him a heart felt "well done!" - they didn't see it necessary to speak well of Him or acknowledge Him in His great work of creation, and instead they turned to worship what He has made, but didn't even give Him credit for that] - There Choosers were proven to be broken!], but they became futile in their speculations [doubt & unbelief enters in], and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. [idolotry enters in] 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator [worship of Mother Earth, trees, moon, stars, or anything that has been made by God], who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 *For this reason God gave them over* to degrading passions;

Romans 1:28 - 2:16 (NASB) 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

The Impartiality of God

[DO YOU THINK LIGHTLY OF THE FLOW OF HIS VACILLATING GOODNESS?]

1 Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. 3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches (flow) of His kindness (vacillating goodness, to me that represents in part: "God's constant overshadowing presence and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of

the righteous judgment of God, 6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: 7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; 8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; 13 for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

There is A LOT IN THERE...

- Paul: The Condition of Fallen mankind & the current situation to his then “modern” audience.. we see here a progressive downward spiral...
 - **Broken Chooser revealed, our “Choosers” are broken and need of replacement.. through yielding!**
 - I choose Door #1 Bob, Come up Here!
 - 3 Brides suffering loss - don't be an Orpah

Revelation 3:18 (NASB)

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

In context:

Revelation 3:14 - 4:2 (NASB) Message to Laodicea

14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 ‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. 21 He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit;

I advise you...

Jesus is giving advice...

Jesus is revealing His heart...

WHEN WE ARE STUCK... AND NEED AN ANSWER... WE HAVE 3 CHOICES

Often when we lack understanding and expertise in a given field or subject matter and we need some help in that particular area we really only have 3 choices: 1) reach out to a human being with that expertise i.e. solicit their services" or 2) we can reach out to God (who may lead us to the prior) we can try and obtain that which is needed ourselves, or 3) we can do nothing at all

In Revelations the choice is down to 2 things:

1. Take the advice
2. Don't take the advice

Here there is a "spiritual group" with a "spiritual problem" if you will and Jesus is identifying the issue, reveals His perspective and then offers His advice on what to do... yes I said "do" ...

I advise you to buy from Me gold... (become truly rich)
Buy from Me white garments..... (to cover yourself with purity so that the "shame of your nakedness" is not seen by others)
Buy from Me eye salve... (so that you might see)

How do we buy something from God? What does this mean? What do I have to give in exchange for the gold, white garment and eye salve?

Revelation 3:20 (NASB)

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

- Is part of the "buying" process then simply to "Hear & Respond"?
 - **Doubt & Unbelief enters in**

- idolatry

Psalms 16 (NASB) The LORD the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.

A MIKHTAM OF DAVID.

1 Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.
2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good besides You."
3 As for the saints who are in the earth,
They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.
4 The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied;
I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood,
Nor will I take their names upon my lips.
5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;
You support my lot.
6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.
7 I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.
8 I have set the LORD continually before me;
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.
10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
11 You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

- How we are to **be careful to not pass judgment** on such, as most all of us are guilty of practicing the same... how?
 - Whenever we "choose" to turn away, or cease to acknowledge "His constant vacillating goodness and contemplation over and about you"... His wooing?

The Levites of old were to stand and "Give Thanks To the Lord" as part if not just about all of their job description!