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# IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS

Luke 17:32-33 "32Remember Lot's wife. 33Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it."

## God saved her from:

- Destruction (Genesis 19:24–25)
- Corruption (Genesis 13:13)
- Ungodly relationships (Genesis 19:14)
- A future without God
- Eternal judgment
- A life He never intended

Genesis
19:24-25

"24Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. <sup>25</sup>So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground."

Genesis
13:13

"13But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord."

Genesis
19:14

"14So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, 'Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!' But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking."

Genesis
19:26

"26But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."

# Key Point:

"Don't look back, look up."

1. To restore our relationship with God

2 Corinthians 5:18

2. To transform us into Christ's image

Romans 8:29

3. To empower us for good works

Ephesians 2:10

4. To make us the praise of His glory

Ephesians 1:12

5. To place us in His family & kingdom

Ephesians 2:19

6. To produce spiritual fruit

John 15:16

7. To make us His ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:20

8. To give eternal life

John 17:3

9. To deliver us from darkness

Colossians 1:13

10. To bring us into true freedom

Galatians 5:1

Job 1:20-21

"20Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup>And he said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job 2:9 "9Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

Jobs friends blamed him for his losses and accused him of deserving his fate:

- Job 4-31
- Job 5:1-27 ~ Eliphaz: Job Is Chastened by God
- Job 8:1-22 ~ Bildad: Job Should Repent
- Job 15:1-35 ~Eliphaz Accuses Job of Folly
- Job 18:1-21 ~ Bildad: The Wicked Are Punished
- Job 22:1-30 ~ Eliphaz Accuses Job of Wickedness

Job 2:3

"3Then the Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."

Job "My servant Job has spoken what is right about 42:7 Me."

1 Thessalonians

5:18

"18 in everything give

thanks; for this is the will

of God in Christ Jesus for

you."

2 Corinthians
4:15

"15For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."

Psalm

100:4

"4Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

Philippians
4:6-7

"6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Colossians 2:6-7

"6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

## 1 Thessalonians

5:18

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

Psalm
34:1-3

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together."

Isaiah
26:3

"<sup>3</sup>You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."

Acts
16:25-26

"25But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

<sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed."

James
1:17

"17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

Psalm 116:17 "17I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord."

Hebrews

13:15

"15Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of ourlips, giving thanks to His name."

Luke

17:15-19

"15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, <sup>16</sup> and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>So Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup>And He said to him, 'Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

"In all things — in joy and in grief, in knowledge and in confusion, and in profit and in loss — I will give thanks."

## Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Luke 17:32–33 Genesis 19:24–25 Genesis 13:13 Genesis 19:14 Genesis 19:26 2 Corinthians 5:18 **Romans 8:29** Job 1:20-21 Job 2:9 **Hebrews 13:15** 

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