

THE BELIEVER'S THANKSGIVING

“Thanksgiving” is an essential part of our faith, and the “stability” of our nation!

November 26, 1789, President George Washington - proclamation for “a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.”

October 3, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln - last Thursday of November as “a day of Thanksgiving.”

Thanksgiving Federal Holiday - “resolution” signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on December 26, 1941.

November of 1942, President Roosevelt - “Thanksgiving Proclamation.”

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.” Across the uncertain ways of space and time our hearts echo those words, for the days are with us again when, at the gathering of the harvest, we solemnly express our dependence upon Almighty God. The final months of this year, now almost spent, find our Republic and the Nations joined with it waging a battle on many fronts for the preservation of liberty...” - President Franklin D. Roosevelt

True “liberty” is unattainable, apart from “thanksgiving!”

Three aspects of a believer's thanksgiving:

1 - Give thanks for our Peace

“peace offering,” - “thanksgiving offering.” (Leviticus 7:11-12) “This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the Lord: If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil.”

Also called - "heave offering" and "wave offering" (Exodus 29:27, 28).

Three-fold "prophetic offering," a foreshadow of Christ's "sacrifice" on the cross.

1) Unleavened offering.

(Hebrews 4:15) For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

2) Bloody offering.

(Romans 5:9) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

3) Heave and wave offering.

(Galatians 3:13) Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").

2 - Give thanks for our Position

(1 Thessalonians 5:18) "...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

(Isaiah 9:6b) "And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(Colossians 3:2-4) Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

3 - Give thanks for His Promise - Thanksgiving reminds us of God's "seed promise."

(Isaiah 6:13) "But yet a tenth will be in it, And will return and be for consuming, As a terebinth tree or as an oak, Whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump."

Notice: "seed" is singular.

Jesus is that "seed!"

(Isaiah 5:25b) "...For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still."

From "stump" to "triumph!"

(John 10:10) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

CONCLUSION: Psalm 100