Thanksgiving The Gateway to Extravagant Praise!!!!!

(Back to the Basics Series.)

Psalm 100

A psalm of thanksgiving.

¹Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

³ Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good.

His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Thanksgiving – What is Thanksgiving ????

No we are not talking about the Holiday meal that we all Love and enjoy.

Although before we jump all the way in this morning lets have a little fun >

Thanksgiving -

(THANKSGIV'ING, participle present tense Rendering thanks for good received.

THANKSGIV'ING, *noun* The act of rendering thanks or expressing gratitude for favors or mercies.

GRAT'ITUDE, *noun* [Latin gratitudo, from gratus, pleasing. See Grace.]

An emotion of the heart, excited by a favor or benefit received; a sentiment of kindness or good will towards a benefactor; thankfulness. *gratitude* is an agreeable emotion, consisting in or accompanied with good will to a benefactor, and a disposition to make a suitable return of benefits or services, or when no return can be made, with a desire to see the benefactor prosperous and happy. *gratitude* is a virtue of the highest excellence, as it implies a feeling and generous heart, and a proper sense of duty.

The love of God is the sublimest *gratitude*

PRAISE, noun s as z. [Latin pretium.] 1828 Dictionary Noah Webster.

Commendation bestowed on a person for his personal virtues or worthy actions, on meritorious actions themselves, or on any thing valuable; approbation expressed in words or song. *praise* may be expressed by an individual,

Definition of *approbation*

1a: commendation, praise a plan that has won the approbation of the mayor

b: an act of <u>approving</u> formally or officially

2 obsolete: proof

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1

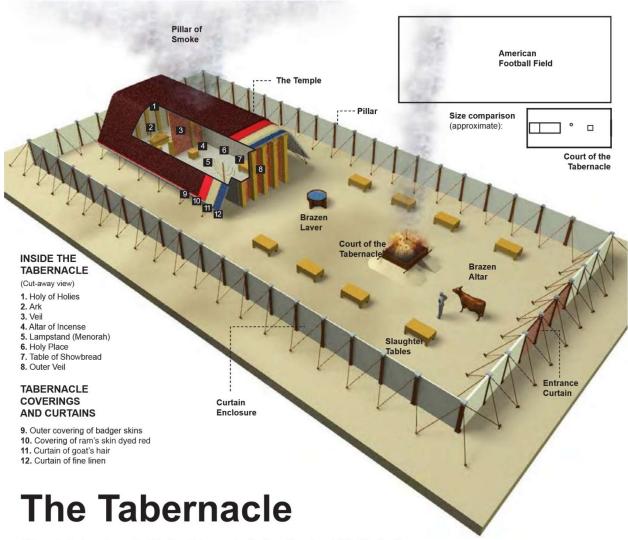
"I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High." Psalm 7:17

Colossians 3:17

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

When you came to Church today you didn't stay outside the doors did you (gate))??? Then when you came in you didn't stay I'm gonna just participate from here today? Did you?? Facts is that most of you were welcomed and even ushered in (Holy Sprirt) to Outer Veil where they by thanksgiving and praise and Worship you can go into the most Holy Place. (Focus of Him)





This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the ark of the covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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Many times however we get or our distract weather by our own thinking which usually points to Crisis in **LIFE**. or the whisper of the Cunning enemy (the father of lies)

Buying, Selling and trading the trith for a Lie so that the Focus once again shifts from what was available just a few feet away but instead we (I) get caught up in the Distraction which usually includes a lie somewhere.

Jesus Clears the Temple

Matt.21;12 NLT

¹² Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. ¹³ He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" ¹⁵

This is the place where we can be angry and sin not !! Eph. 4 and deal with is and don let the sun go down on your wrath..

Ephesians 4:26

King James Version

²⁶Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

John 8:44 NLT

⁴⁴ For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵

John 10:10 NLT

¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Distractions come but what will you do ??? **Tell the Story**Thanksgiving and praise are the straightest path to victory!!!!!!!

The D-day story or

Pastor Gene and Karen Story when she was in the Hospital

. Psalm 34

New Living Translation

Psalm 34[a]

A psalm of David, regarding the time he pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech, who sent him away.

- ¹I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.
- ² I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart.
- ³Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together.

We were built for praise and the very foundation of our lives with Jesus being the chief cornerstone !!! the Rock or the focus of that praise the very One that holds this all together.

Lastly this is the year of the mouth or the year of declaring so if we act in our God given purpose than praise and Thanksgiving should be flowing out of mouth and as we do this, though the focus is Jesus we have at the same time removed focus friom the enemy and this where praise becomes warfare!!!!

They very entrance to the Holy of Holies is Thanksgiving and thankgiving itself for us as believers should be an attitude .

Or even the Attitude of Gratitude !!!!!!!!