



A Thanksgiving Family

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A Thanksgiving Family Counts Their Blessings

Psalms 106:1-25



Introduction:

“Gratitude lifts our eyes off the things we lack so we might see the blessings we possess.”
- Max Lucado

“The Blessing of What God Has Not Done”

- Hasn't broken His Promises: **1 Kings 8:56** *Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.*
- Hasn't appointed Us to wrath: **1 Thessalonians 5:9** *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*
- Hasn't give us a spirit of fear: **2 Timothy 1:7** *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

I. A Family who thanks God for withholding His punishment. (V.6-12)

- A. Thank Him for His patience when we are forgetful.

Psalms 106:6 *We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. (V.7) Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies;*

Forgetfulness Was the Israelites Greatest Sin

Can you imagine the plagues and the events that led up to their release, and by the time they got to the Red Sea, they had forgotten it? (V.7)

- You spent a lifetime in slavery and now you're free and you forget that?
- You're released because your God has performed several miraculous feats, but you forget that when you face the Red Sea?

Psalms 103:10 *He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. (V.11) For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.*

B. Thank Him for His patience when we are faithless.

Psalms 106:7 . . . but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea. (V.8) Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known. (V.9) He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. (V.10) And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. (V.11) And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. (V.12) Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

What were the things that God didn't do that they should have been thankful for?

- They should have been thankful that God didn't leave them when they faced the Red Sea. (V.7)
- They should be thankful that they didn't wear out God's patience with their complaining at the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

- They should be thankful that God didn't allow their enemy to continue to be a constant threat to them. (V.11)
- They should be thankful that even though their love was so fickle His love was constant. (V.12-13)
- They should be thankful that God doesn't give us what we deserve. (V.14-15)
- They should be thankful that God doesn't retaliate when He is insulted. (V.20)

II. A family who thanks God for not withholding their provisions (V.13-15)

A. Thank Him for His patience when we forget his works.

Psalms 106:13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

Have you ever paid the consequence for running ahead of God's wisdom?

B. Thank Him for His provision when we forget his wonders.

Psalms 106:14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. (V.15) And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Leanness Into The Soul:

- When bellies are full, bodies are warm, but there is no contentment in the soul.
- When there is a job to work, a wife to love, and children at play, but there is no joy in the home.
- When the greatest of blessings are ignored because of the smallest of burdens.

III. A family who thanks God for enduring our pride. (V.16-25)

A. Thank Him for withholding wrath in our jealousy.

Psalms 106:16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.

Numbers 16:1 . . . wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

They were jealous of Moses' position, and accused him of putting himself ahead of the people.

B. Thank Him for withholding wrath in our poor judgement.

Psalms 106:19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. (V.20) Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. (V.21) They forgot God their savior, which had done great things in Egypt;

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man,

