

Thanksgiving 2010

## Why Give Thanks?

And a cake of raisins...

### Ten Imperatives For Thanksgiving

**Imperative:** The mood that normally expresses a command or some similar declaration; the one giving the command speaks to something that is in the realm of the possible and makes it known that he or she wants this to be actualized.



**1. Give thanks to the Lord:** *Phil 4:6-7* “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

**2. Call upon His name:** *2 Sam 22:4* “I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

**3. Make known His Deeds:** *Col 1:27-29* “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.”

**4. Sing to Him:** *Col 3:16-17* “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

**5. Talk of all His Wondrous works:** *Psalms 77:12* “I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.”

**6. Glory in His holy name:** *Psalms 148:13* “Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.”

**7. Let your heart rejoice:** *Acts 2:25-26* “I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.”

**8. Seek the Lord and His strength:** *Psalms 34:8-10* “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.”

**9. Seek His face:** *2 Cor 4:6* “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

**10. Remember His marvelous works:** *Psalms 143:5-6* “I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.”

**“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”**

*Revelation 7:12*

### 1 Chronicles 16:1-3; 8-13 (NKJV)

**1** So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. **2** And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord. **3** Then he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, **and a cake of raisins.** **4** And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel:

**7** On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord:

**8** Oh, give thanks to the Lord!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

**9** Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;

Talk of all His wondrous works!

**10** Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!

**11** Seek the Lord and His strength;

Seek His face evermore!

**12** Remember His marvelous works

which He has done,

His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

**13** O seed of Israel His servant,  
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!