**Magnify Him With Thanksgiving
Psalm 69:30**

**Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.**

**INTRO:**

**History of Thanksgiving: President George Washington proclaimed it a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789. The custom was revived by President Lincoln in 1863. The present custom of the fourth Thursday in November was set by a joint resolution of Congress in 1941.**

**\*\*As the Psalmist wrote, we should magnify God with thanksgiving, not just during this season, but continually!**

**Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.**

**\*\*God is magnified when we honor Him with thanksgiving. \*\*I believe it honors our Lord when our families truly offer a heartfelt sincere prayer of giving thanks to God for what He has done in our hearts, lives, and homes.**

**\*\*Perhaps you may be having a hard time with burdens, and problems, and it’s hard to be thankful.**

**\*\*However, I want to ask you to look at your blessings as I try to help you by giving you some things for which we all should be thankful!**

**I. LET US BE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S PARDON
Psalm 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
 A. God’s pardon is a FREE pardon
 1. This free pardon in a Forgiving Pardon**

**1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins . . .**

 **2. This free pardon is a Forever Pardon
 B. God’s pardon is a FULL pardon**

 **1. We are Fully Cleared from All Unrighteousness
Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

 **2. We are Fully Cleansed from All Unrighteousness
1 John 1:9 he is faithful and just . . . . to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**II. LET US BE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S PEACE**

**Psalm 29:11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.
 A. God’s Peace is a Reality
Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

 **1. His peace is real in Life’s Storms**

 **2. His peace is real in Life’s Sorrows**

 **B. God’s Peace is a Reconciliation.**

**\*\*Reconciliation is the changing of a relationship between God and man for the better.**

 **1. We are reconciled through the DEEDS of Jesus**

**II Corinthians 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,**

 **2. We are reconciled through the DEATH of Jesus
Romans 5:10 “…we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son…”**

**III. LET US BE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S PROVISIONS
Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 A. I shall not want for REST, because
Psalm 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 B. I shall not want for RESTORATION, because
Psalm 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
 C. I shall not want for REFUGE, because
Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 D. I shall not want for REFRESHMENT, because
Psalm 23:5a Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 E. I shall not want for REJOICING, because
Psalm 23:5b thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 F. I shall not want for REINFORCEMENTS, because
Psalm 23:6a Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

 **G. I shall not want for RETIREMENT, because
Psalm 23:6b . . . I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**The Lord is my Shepherd, and He’s all I want!!!!**

**Illustration:**

**Two men were walking through a field one day when they spotted an enraged bull. Instantly they darted toward the nearest fence. The storming bull followed in hot pursuit, and it was soon apparent they wouldn’t make it. Terrified, the one shouted to the other, “Put up a prayer, John. We’re in for it!”
John answered, “I can’t. I’ve never made a public prayer in my life.”
“But you must!” implored his companion. “The bull is catching up to us.”
“All right,” panted John, “I’ll say the only prayer I know - the one my father used to repeat at the table: ‘O Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly thankful.’”**

**IV. LET US BE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S POWER
Psalm 21:13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.
 A. God’s power can change your Destination
 1. Hell is the destiny for all who won’t accept Jesus as their Savior.
Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.
 2. Heaven is the destination for all who will accept Jesus as their Savior.
John 14:3 . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

 **B. God’s power can change your Desires**

**\*\*I’m thankful God’s power has changed my desires from fulfilling the desires of the Flesh to fulfilling the desires of the Father!**

**V. LET US BE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S PROMISES
Psalm 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.
\*\*I’m thankful for the Bible…where we have His promises.
 A. I’m thankful that God’s Promises are PURE
Psalm 119:140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
 B. I’m thankful that God’s Promises are POWERFUL
Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword**

 **C. I’m thankful God’s Promises are PRESERVED!!!
Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**

**VI. LET US BE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S PROTECTION**

**Psalm 18:48-49 48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. 49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.
\*\*He protects me from the Devil, from Discouragement, from Disease and from Damnation.**

**VII. LET US BE THANKFUL FOR GOD’S PRESENCE
Psalm 95:2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

**\*\* He is present in the Christian’s Heart, the Christian’s Home, and in the Church House!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Are you as thankful as I am?**

**2. When was the last time you paused to magnify the Lord with Thanksgiving?
3. Today would be a good time to start a regular time to thank Him for all He’s done in your life.**

**4. Come and thank the Lord for His Pardon, His Peace, His Provisions, His Power, His Promises, His Protection, and His Presence!**