THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 22, 2026

SCRIPTURE
When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build find houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealthy for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today. Deuteronomy 8:10-18

The tendency for Israel was to forget the goodness of God. This is true for us too!

The issue with Eve and Esau was focus. They focused on what they lacked.

"The greater blessings that are given, the less they are regarded." Martin Luther

WAYS WE GIVE THANKS

We can give thanks in Communion.

We can give thanks in words.

We can give thanks in song.

The leaders of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, Jeshua son of Kadmiel, and their associates, who stood opposite them to give praise and thanksgiving, one section responding to the other, as prescribed by David the man of God. Nehemiah 12:24

We can give thanks in gifts.

Above all, thanks must be expressed! Unexpressed gratitude is incomplete gratitude.

WHEN WE GIVE THANKS

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

WHAT WE GIVE THANKS FOR

Give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20

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We give thanks for the past.

We give thanks for the present.

We give thanks for the future.

Do not leave it to your emotions to choose. Choose this day and every day to be thankful!

This may seem like blind faith, but Romans 8:28 connects the dots.

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