

Give unto the LORD

1 Chronicles 16:23-29 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. 24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. 25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Today I want to talk about giving. Giving unto the LORD!

Naturally whenever the subject of giving is mentioned we instantly grab our wallets and hang on. However, you will be surprised to find that in the Bible whenever giving is mentioned more often than nought it is not speaking of money. God wants something far more from us than our money. Here in our context, it is talking about giving unto the Lord THANKS!

1 Chronicles 16:8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

1 Chronicles 16:34-36 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise. 36 Blessed be the LORD God of

Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

REASONS TO BE THANKFUL:

(9-12) Wondrous Works

- **Salvation** (35)
Today, like this people, I am thankful for my salvation!
- **Supplies** (ark of the covenant returned)
What has the Lord done for you? What are you thankful for?
- **Security** (21-22)
God's protection is something to be thankful for!

(15) Written Word

- Trust the Promises (16)
- Tried & Proven (15-17)
- Truth & Pure
Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

I think we could all find reasons to be thankful for this morning. We are truly blessed. However, the text does not stop here. It begins to tell us how to Thank the LORD.

HOW TO THANK THE LORD

1. Continually (11,40)

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

2. Comprehensively (41)

“...chosen... expressed by name”

3. Cleanly (29)

(29) Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Psalms 29:1-2 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD **in the beauty of holiness.**

Psalms 96:6-9 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary... 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth

GOD IS HOLY

Isaiah 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, **is the LORD** of hosts: **the** whole earth **is** full of his glory.

They had forgotten the Holiness of God just a few chapters back: There they learned their lesson: WORSHIP GOD IN HOLINESS!

1 Chronicles 13:7-10 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. 8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 9 And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. 10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

Here we find them thanking the Lord, praising the Lord, and even singing unto the Lord, but GOD REJECTS IT!

Thanksgiving must be done in the beauty of holiness!

Expressing outwardly what had been done inwardly!

1 Peter 1:13-16 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

God wants His Salvation to CHANGE US!!!!

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. **19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

The best way to give God thanks is to LIVE your GRATITUDE!

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy, acceptable unto God, which is** your reasonable service. **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Jump in with both feet! Join the family! IT IS THE BEST THING YOU COULD DO!!!!

CONCLUSION:

2 Timothy 3:1-2 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, **unthankful, unholy,**