

# The Joy of Giving Thanks

Psalm 92

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The Bible says we were created to honor God and give thanks. Our failure starts in our unwillingness to honor God as God and give thanks. But we who have come to know Him, we love to give thanks to Him. In fact, it is the earmark of a Spirit filled Christian. The scripture says, when we are Spirit filled, we will be “always giving thanks for all things.” When the Spirit of Christ gets ahold of your heart, your heart is filled with gratitude, and you give thanks.

1. God says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away,” and, “Forever, O Lord, your word settled in Heaven.” The book of Psalms is an inspired song book. Read Psalm 92 out loud with these thought in mind.  
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2. Who, what, why, where, when, how? These are the questions we what to asks about thanksgiving.
  1. Start with who; who should give thanks? (The Holy Scripture is talking to you!) Overwhelmingly, the scripture says “give thanks;” only once does it say “be thankful.”  
Psalm 30:4, 79:13, 97:12, 107:2, Colossians 3:15, Hebrews 13:15

The real question is not who should give thanks, but who should we give thanks to?

Psalm 92:1, Psalm 115

2. Why do we give thanks?  
I Thessalonians 5:16-18, Romans 12:1-2
  
3. How should we give thanks?  
Psalm 92:3-4, II Corinthians 8:1-5

4. When should we give thanks?

Psalm 92:1-2, 12-14, Proverbs 3:1-2

5. Where should we give thanks?

Matthew 6:1-4, John 6:10-11

6. For what do we give thanks? Think about temporal and eternal blessing, and temporal and eternal troubles. To distinguish between temporal and eternal blessings, ask yourself, "can every child of God give thanks for what I'm about to give thanks for?"

Romans 5:1, 8:28, 34, Ephesians 1:7, John 10:27-28, 14:1-3, Hebrews 4:14

"In everything give thanks."

1 Thessalonians 5:18, James 1:2-4

And give thanks for eternal trouble? There are none! This is the foundation for our thanksgiving.

Psalm 16:11, 92:15, Romans 14:7-9,

Revelation 7:9-17, 21:1-7, 22:1-7, 17-21