



Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center

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Giving Thanks



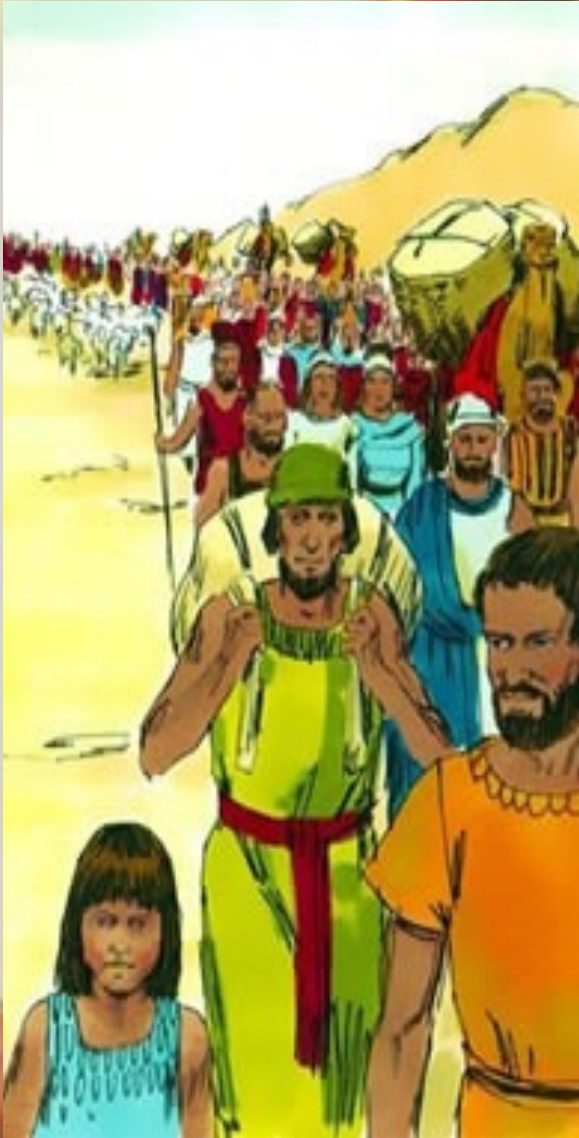
1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks:
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you.

Opposite of Praise: Unthankfulness



- **Unthankfulness Blinds Us**
- Numbers 13:32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

The Opposite of Praise



- 1. Murmuring at the Red Sea: After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites complained about being led into the wilderness instead of remaining in Egypt. Exodus 14:11-12.
- 2. Murmuring at Marah: The Israelites grumbled about the bitter water at Marah. Moses cried out to God, and He made the water sweet. Exodus 15:23-25.
- 3. Murmuring in the Wilderness of Sin: The Israelites complained about the lack of food in the wilderness and murmured against Moses and Aaron. God then provided manna from heaven. Exodus 16:2-3.
- 4. Murmuring for Meat in the Wilderness: The Israelites complained about the absence of meat and wished they were back in Egypt, where they "had meat in abundance." God then provided quail, but also sent a plague. Numbers 11:4-6, 31-33.
- 5. Murmuring at Rephidim: The Israelites grumbled about the lack of water at Rephidim. God commanded Moses to strike a rock, and water came out for the people to drink. Exodus 17:1-7.
- 6. Murmuring at Mount Sinai: The Israelites complained about God's presence and the hardships they faced since leaving Egypt. Exodus 32:1.

Remembering The Blessings

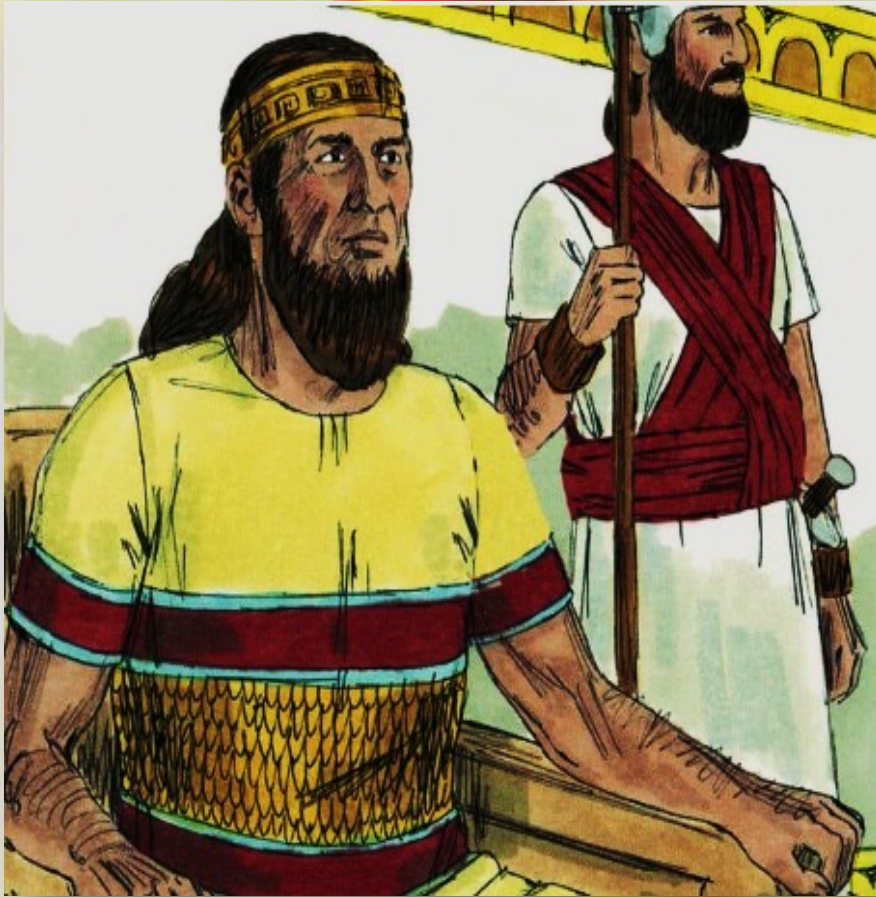
- 1. Crossing the Red Sea: The waters of the Red Sea parted, allowing the Israelites to cross on dry ground. Exodus 14:21-22.
- 2. Pillar of Cloud and Fire: God led the Israelites by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Exodus 13:21-22.
- 3. Sweetening the Waters: The bitter waters at Marah were made sweet by God's intervention. Exodus 15:23-26.
- 4. Manna from Heaven: God provided daily bread in the form of manna, which fell from the sky. Exodus 16:4-35.
- 5. Water from the Rock: God brought forth water from a rock to quench the Israelites' thirst. Exodus 17:5-7.
- 6. Victory over Amalek: With the help of Moses, Aaron, and Hur, the Israelites defeated the Amalekites. Exodus 17:8-16.

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- We will focus on the actions of people. Instead of the providence of God
- Genesis 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?
- 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.
- 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.
- 22 ¶ And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

A moment of ungratefulness!



- 2 Chronicles 32:22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.
- 23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.
- 24 ¶ In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.
- 25 But Hezekiah rendered (**Was Thankful**) not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

Opposite of Praise: Unthankfulness



**Not that I
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Philippians 4:11

- **We will praise only when our circumstance is good**
- Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
- 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
- 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

PRAISE : Thankfulness



Exodus 15:20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Praise as Thankfulness

Luke 17:11 ¶ And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

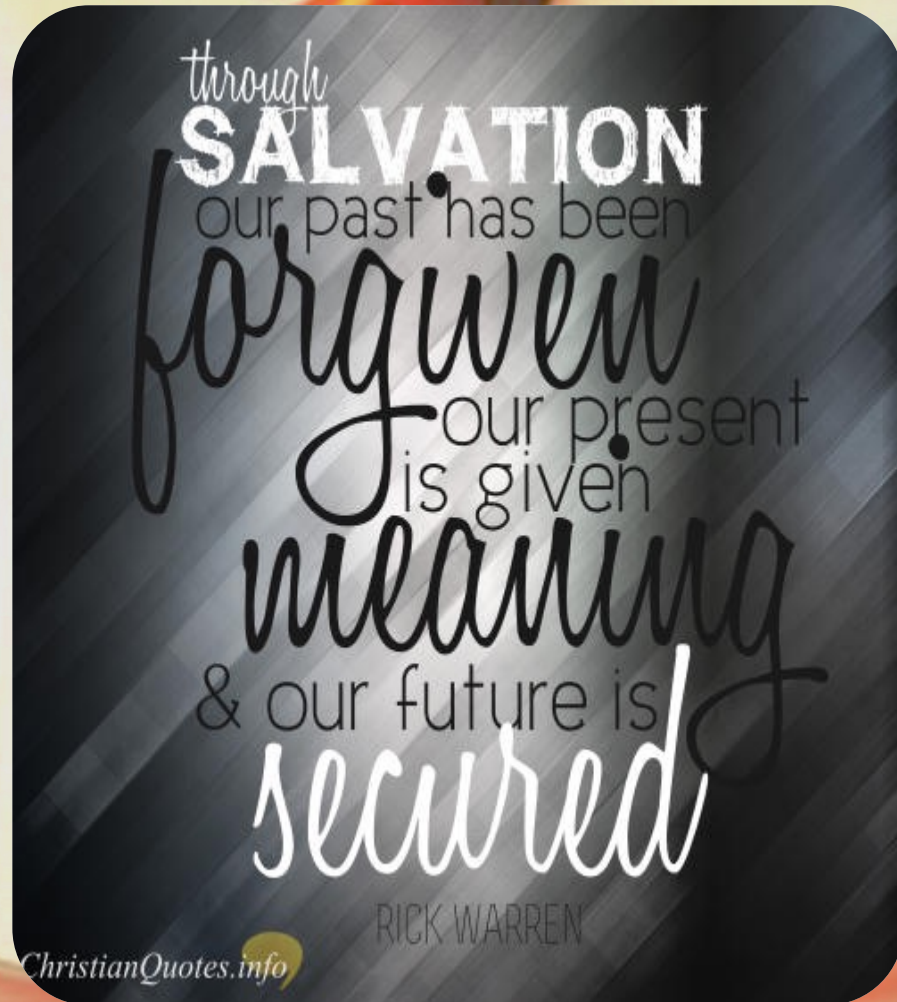
17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.



Praise as Thanksgiving : Salvation



- Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
- 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Worship Brings His Presence



- 2 Chronicles 5:11 ¶ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:
- 12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)
- 13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;
- 14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

The Benefits of Praise as Thankfulness

Bless the Lord

PSALM 103

O My Soul!

and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.



- Praise refocuses our minds on God and connects our hearts with His.
- Praise fosters awareness of God's presence with us.
- Praise push the worries of this life into the background.
- Praise reminds us of who God is and what He has done.
- Praise recalls God's past provision, thus strengthening our hope in His future deliverance.
- Praise voices our dependence on God, relieving our fears.
- Praise helps develop an eternal perspective, paving the way for God's peace.
- Praise opens our hearts to receive God's joy.
- Praise fulfills the purpose for which we were created, bringing fulfillment