

INTRODUCTION

Today I combine the exposition of the passage we are studying with instruction to help us in observance of our national Thanksgiving Day.

A few weeks ago, when we were looking at verse 1, the exhortation that supplications, prayers, intercessions, giving of thanks be made for all men, I did not say much about the giving of thanks, looking forward to speaking more about that this week.

The bible teaches us that it is a temptation for those who have been mightily blessed by the Lord Jesus not to give thanks for what God has done for us. Of the ten who were healed of the awful disease and uncleanness of leprosy, only one returned to give his Healer thanksgiving. The nine who did not return thanks were Jews, who should have known better; the one who gave thanks to Jesus was a foreigner.

Let us today, then, as we also were foreigners to the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, yet by the mercy of Jesus Christ have been cleansed of our spiritual leprosy and admitted to the camp

TEXT

1 Timothy 2:1-2

BODY

I. For What Do We Thank God Regarding All Men?

A. We Thank God for How He Creates All Men

Revelation 4:9-11 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and **thanks [G2169 eucharistia]** to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: (11) "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

1. We consider Him as the One who already was before anything else
2. We thank Him for creating us
 - a) as a race
 - b) our own nation; yet not our nation only, but all nations
 - c) as individuals
 - d) our own children; yet not them only, but all the children of the world

B. We Thank God for How He Saves All Men

Revelation 7:9-12 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (10) and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (11) All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (12) saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, **thanksgiving [G2169 eucharistia]** and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

1. we thank Him for saving not a few, but many
2. we thank Him for saving men not of one nation, nor of a few, but of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues
3. we thank Him that instead of sending them to the lake of fire, He brings them to stand before His throne

4. we thank Him that instead of leaving them in the filthy rags of their own deeds, He has clothed them in the white robes of the righteousness of Jesus Christ
 5. we thank Him that instead of
- C. We Thank God for How He Uses All Men
1. we are taught in this passage to pray for kings and all in authority, that by their work in government we may be protected from disturbance
 2. for how we are so protected, we thank God for all men, for kings and all those in authority
 - a) not only those in high office
 - b) not only those in local office
- D. We Thank God for How He Provides For All Men

II. What Results When We Thank God

- A. Old habits of sinful speech are replaced with what is fitting
1. Ephesians 5:3-4 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; (4) neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather **giving of thanks [G2169 eucharistia]**.
- B. Peace replaces anxiety in our hearts
1. Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with **thanksgiving [G2169 eucharistia]**, let your requests be made known to God; (7) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- C. Men glorify God
1. 2 Corinthians 4:14-15 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. (15) For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause **thanksgiving [G2169 eucharistia]** to abound to the glory of God.

CONCLUSION

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KJV I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (2) For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

NKJV Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, (2) for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

ESV First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, (2) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

giving of thanks ESV **thanksgivings** G2169 [□]ευχαριστία *eucharistia*

1 Timothy 4:1-4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, (2) speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, (3) forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with **thanksgiving** [**G2169 eucharistia**] by those who believe and know the truth. (4) For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with **thanksgiving** [**G2169 eucharistia**];

Prelude: Trinity 205 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” - Dorita

Trinity 108 “Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord” - Dorita

Grace 193 “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” - Anna

Trinity 403 “Not What My Hands Have Done” - Camille

Trinity xvi “Doxology” - Camille

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107

Sermon: “Giving of Thanks” 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Benediction: 1 Chronicles 16:34