

# **THANKSGIVING IS OF FAITH**

**Romans 1:16-25**

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“Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for the good, which is directed at you. Train yourself never to put off the word or action for the expression of gratitude.”

# GIVING GOD THANKS

- God is the One behind all the good that I receive.
- He is the One who intends that all that I get is to serve what is good, in God's eyes, for me.
- Physical things are given, not as an end in themselves, but are intended to serve our good.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been **clearly** seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are **without excuse**.

21 For even though they knew God, they **did not honor Him** as God or **give thanks**, but **they became** futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was **darkened**.

22 Professing to be wise, they **became** fools,

# ONCE IT WAS THE BLESSING

Once it was the blessing,  
Now it is the Lord;  
Once it was the feeling,  
Now it is His Word;  
Once His **gift** I wanted,  
Now, the **Giver** own;  
Once I sought for healing,  
Now Himself alone.

# GIVING GLORY TO GOD

Lk. 17:15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan...

<sup>18</sup> Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

<sup>19</sup> And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

# GOD' S INDICTMENT AGAINST MAN

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who **suppress the truth in unrighteousness**,  
19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it **evident** to them.

# THE CONSEQUENCES

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24 **Therefore God gave them over** in the lusts of their hearts **to impurity**, so that their bodies would **be dishonored** among them.

25 For they **exchanged** the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

# THE MATCHLESS GIFT

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is **the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

# GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE US

- **Putting our Sins and Transgressions on His Son**  
**Punishing His Son with the punishment that belonged to us**  
**God removed that which condemned us - Sin**
- **Sending His Holy Spirit to Give the Power of Life.**  
**Replacing our sinful nature, with a new Creation.**  
**Making us into Children of God.**
- **Inviting Us to Put Our Trust in His Son, Jesus**  
**Turn from our sinful life, to live for Him.**