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Beloved of God, Greeting: Thanksgiving

One of the most potent of all practices man has at his disposal is the practice of thanksgiving. The attitude of gratitude is a magnet to draw blessings from within and without.

You yourself like to give gifts and services to those who are appreciative and consider those who rebuff your generous advances just a little eccentric.

Imagine then how God, who is always on the giving hand and who always gives only Good, delights in the child who is willing to receive and who expresses his gratitude, thanks, and appreciation for blessings expected and received.

Jesus Christ, who represents to us the highest, most powerful practice of the God-Law, fed thousands and performed miracles by the exercise of a simple "Thank thee, Father." He gave thanks for, he blessed, and then gave instructions to break up and use the supply at hand. Always it proved adequate and abundant so that much was left over to be gathered up.

Some of his highest achievements were the result of spontaneous gratitude. For example, Lazarus was raised from the dead after Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me."

We may do nothing so magnificent, but we shall have our own private miracles. And, when to our sincere thanks we add generous giving, when with grateful hearts we heed that spontaneous impulse to give substantially in the direction whence cometh our help, the miracles that will manifest will be beyond accounting.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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FOLLOW ME

By Nell Truesdell

Man, a reflection of God, can be in reality only that which is casting his reflection. Considering man as a reflection of the Father, we see how he can be nothing of himself; yet, he may be the exact image of his Causing Agent and may execute precisely as his Real Being.

"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." "I can of mine own self do nothing."

Suppose a man were standing before a mirror admiring himself, and his reflection in the mirror should suddenly decide to be something of itself, disclaiming any dependence upon the man for its sustenance and support.

Suppose this image turned its back upon the form facing the mirror and sought the company of the other images in the reflected area. Suppose all of these images agreed that something, unseen and unknown, had caused them to be and each image would get down on its knees to worship that cause.

Suppose these images made sacrifices, fasted, affirmed, and decreed until they were blue in the face, who among them would ever be anything but a reflection limited by withdrawal from his cause.

Again suppose one of these images should suddenly remember to turn and face the form which was responsible for his real being. Would he not at once be enlivened with all the animation of his causing form, even to the ability to do what he sees his "father" doing?

This crude example does illustrate how one direct look toward the cause of an image or reflection is more important than all practices of denial, affirmation, systems of metaphysics, occultism, philosophy, psychology, theology, and religion. One direct look reveals how all such are but means to an end.

By this we can understand why the ancient seers prescribed obedience to one command, "Look unto Me;" why the students were instructed to obey that command a thousand times an hour, standing with gaze transfixated toward the Miracle Working Uplands until at length they should be able to train on the Heights with the Father of Lights.

The reflector must turn to the source of light before it can reflect the light. This light is Intelligence, Pure Knowing. This light cannot be hid.

So we are to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, always doing what we see the Father doing. It makes no difference what all the other images choose to do. "Follow Me!"

The Image who became the Likeness of God is called Jesus Christ, a proven Name, an established Name of every one and every thing that has a name.

Point to no one. Look to The One. Abide in The One. "And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope."

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

THANKSGIVING

Since the time when our Pilgrim Fathers expressed gratitude for freedom to live and worship according to their understanding, this country as a whole has developed and become rich. The mind and heart of Americans is rich indeed if, in their daily life, this race of people approximate the sincere quality of praise and thanksgiving which caused their forefathers to give thanks from an overflowing inner emotion of gratitude.

Establishing our nation-wide observance of Thanksgiving Day probably has had more to do with the country's prosperity than is realized or acknowledged. For thanksgiving is one of the highest practices in the law of man's being.

Miracle workers of all ages have extolled the importance of sincere gratitude and report their greatest achievements by the exercise of that faith which is able to give thanks sincerely for blessings not as yet evident.

Pitiful indeed is it to witness the difficulty some people experience in an effort to acknowledge blessings to be grateful for. Why should it be almost necessary for a person to have his breath choked off before he can appreciate the wonderful privilege of breathing God's good, clean, fresh, invigorating air? Why are only the blind appreciative of good eyesight, the deaf of hearing, or the dumb of speech? Who would choose to live in a world devoid of sunlight, rain, animals, trees, or flowers?

What about the ability to think of these things and the joy of cooperating in causing them to increase and multiply?

I have nothing to be thankful for, says the pessimist. Yet even he could not express that thought, negative as it is, unless he had the invaluable gift or ability to think God's thoughts after Him, interpret as he will. Without such a capacity, how could he know something worthy of thanks existed.

An inventory is a very healthy practice in business. Too, taking stock of individual blessings, particularly those blessings held in common with all others, is a wise and profitable undertaking.

There may be those among you Truth seekers who are grateful for this ministry, for instruction, for healings, for the progress you have made in expressing your own spiritual gifts, on goings, and unfoldments. If so, do not be niggardly in your expression of gratitude for this service.

Know this, when you are grateful and appreciate truly, you will delight to show that appreciation, unsolicited and unprompted, in substantial support of this ministry. If you have within your heart a feeling of thanksgiving, it will be due to a rich inner joy that makes it your pleasure to bring your gift to the altar.

I give thanks for Love.
I give thanks for Life.
I give thanks for Light.
I give thanks for Joy.
I give thanks for Substance.
I give thanks for Thanks.

"I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
for every week-day of the month.

MON. Watch ye, therefore, and pray ALWAYS.
TUE. BEING enriched in everything to all BOUNTIFULNESS.
WED. CAUSETH through us thanksgiving to God.
THU. Let the word of Christ DWELL in you.
FRI. O Lord, ... the EARTH is full of thy riches.
SAT. Whoso FINDETH Me FINDETH life.

MON. Be GLAD in the Lord, and rejoice.
TUE. The earth brought forth by HANDFULS.
WED. God created man IN His own IMAGE.
THU. He that is JOINED unto the Lord is one spirit.
FRI. The KINDNESS ... of God appeared.
SAT. Thou art my LAMP, O Lord.

MON. Great and MARVELOUS are thy works, Lord.
TUE. I am God, and there is NONE else.
WED. OFFER unto God thanksgiving.
THU. PAY thy vows unto the Most High.
FRI. Many waters cannot QUENCH Love.
SAT. Let thine heart RETAIN my words.

MON. He that STANDETH STEADFAST in his heart, ... doeth well.
TUE. We THY people ... will give THEE THANKS.
WED. Believe me, and UNDERSTAND that I am he.
THU. The Lord wrought a great VICTORY.
FRI. O WORSHIP the Lord.
SAT. Preach the acceptable YEAR of the Lord.

MON. Ye are ZEALOUS of spiritual gifts.

ALL DAILY MEDITATION throughout this month should be taken up in the spirit of love and thanksgiving to God for His bountiful care. More and more our resolve should be to understand Him, not our personal reactions and desires.

Many people think they are doing God service by building up their own personality through affirmation; but God is not mocked. Let us as students of things spiritual practice exalting the Most High God every moment of every day. Let us use our specific period for DAILY MEDITATION to give Him our attention, to praise Him, to render thanks unto Him, to love Him more. God is Good to the children of men. All we can do is render thanksgiving.

We invite you to join us in this kind of DAILY MEDITATION and we bless you for being one with us in Spirit and in Truth.

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SING PRAISES

Sing praises to God: sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

Sing unto God, sing praises to His Name: extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His Name JAH, and rejoice before Him.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy Name is near thy wondrous works declare.

I will praise the Name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

That men may know that thou, whose Name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth.

I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

I will praise thy Name, O Lord; for it is good.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together.

See the unfailing service of love. The parent forever picking up after the thoughtless child, and, even refusing to see less than perfection in the place where the world might see a spoiled and selfish citizen.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

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Dear Friend:

My letter to you this month will reveal a great hope in the hearts of those who fellowship in the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE. For years we have wanted to build a chapel and consecrate it to holy worship in Spirit and in Truth. Perhaps too, this is the dream of your heart, for all of us like to attend services in a place whose friends of similar motive and purpose gather to be strengthened in the inner man.

The first step toward demonstration of a building is to perceive the ideal in mind and carry it in the heart. Every ideal has within it the ways and means of fulfillment and when faithfully held in consciousness is soon out pictured. If you share this ideal with us, you will rejoice in the opportunity to assist materially in grateful acknowledgment for spiritual ministry already received. Your gifts will be placed in the building fund, if they are so designated, and from time to time you will be informed as to the progress being made. We have the land, a half acre just six miles East of the city of Fort Worth.

Mr. Truesdell, our beloved associates in Truth, and I, invite you to join daily with us in speaking this word:

IN THE NAME, THROUGH THE NAME, AND BY

THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, THE POWER
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOW MADE MANIFEST
AND IS WORKING MIGHTILY CONSTRUCTING
THE CHAPEL OF THE CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE.

If you have visited the Little Chapel in the Woods at Denton, you will know the type of building we propose to erect. Our plan includes a children's study and playroom.

Now, let me give thanks for you, dear friend, for your encouragement during the year, and for your ready support of this Lesson-Bulletin service. We bless you, in His Name.

Lovingly Yours,
Nell Truesdell