

**BE YE THANKFUL**  
Thanksgiving & Faith

- I. The scripture connects thanksgiving and faith—Co2:6—As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:<sup>7</sup> Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.**
- A. Unbelief is connected to murmuring—Ps106:24—They despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: <sup>25</sup>But murmured in their tents and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.
- B. Faith in God is founded in what He said to you—Can only have faith in God to do what He said He would do—Rm10:17—Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God
- C. When you believe God will do what He said you say thank you before you see anything because you trust in His faithfulness—EX—If someone said I'm going to pay the mortgage on your house if you don't say thank you until it's done that means I didn't have faith in them
1. Thanksgiving is rooted in my faith in God—If He said it's as good as done
- D. God told them He would drive out the giants so why are they murmuring? Lack of faith—Ps106:24, Ex23:22—But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.<sup>23</sup>For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. <sup>27</sup> I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. <sup>28</sup> And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.<sup>30</sup> By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.
- II. In a genuine life of faith thanksgiving both precedes and proceeds victory**
- A. Shout came before the victory because they had faith in God—Js6:2—The Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. <sup>16</sup>And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout (of joy, in triumph); for the Lord hath given you the city
- B. He thanked God before He had any kids because He had faith in God—Rm4:17—(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. <sup>20</sup>He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God—NLV—Abraham did not doubt God's promise. His faith in God was strong, and he gave thanks to God.
- C. We pray with thanksgiving—We thank Him when we pray before we see it because He said He would do it—We pray based on what said to us and we thank Him from doing it before we see it—1Jn5:14—AC—And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.<sup>15</sup> And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him—Ph4:6—Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God—Mk11:24—Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them
- III. This is being thankful for victories that haven't even occurred yet because you have faith in God to give you the victory because He said He would—2Cor2:14—Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth (now and perpetually) us to triumph in Christ—1Co15:57—Who gives (now and the future—He gives me his rent check every month) us the victory**
- A. Faith says thank you for the victory in can't see yet—Waiting to give thanks until you see it is walking by sight