

BE YE THANKFUL
Thanksgiving Life

- I. Thanksgiving causes you to face God-It's done with the mind, heart and the mouth and it turns the mind, heart and mouth to The Lord-2Co4:18-While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen-Hb12:2-Looking unto Jesus**
- A. What you look at affects you-Ps34:5-KJ-They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed-CSB-Those who look to him are radiant with joy-CEB-Those who look to God will shine-CEV-Keep your eyes on Lord. You will shine like the sun-YL-They became bright
 - B. Thanksgiving is life/strength and peace to you-Rm8:6-For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace-Is26:3-Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
 - C. With thanksgiving I turn my heart and mind turn the Lord-Fix my gaze on Him
- II. By being thankful (turning and facing Him) you begin to absorb and reflect, receive and bare what God radiates with**
- A. God's face gives off life, grace, glory, good-Pr16:15-In the light of the king's countenance is life (support, sustain, prosperity, quickened from sickness, discouragement, faintness, death)-Ps81:11-The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
 - 1. There his help in His face-By facing God you can receive whatever you need to receive, wisdom, strength, help, healing, deliverance-Ps42:5-I shall yet praise him for the help (victory, deliverance, prosperity, health) of his countenance
 - B. You can only absorb (receive) and reflect (give) what you face-The moon has no ability to shine of itself, it's doesn't generate light or produce light and so the face of the moon that his faced away from the sun is cold and dark, but as that part of the moon turns and faces the sun it absorbs the light and reflects the light and shines bright; If you were to look at the side of that moon that was facing the sun it would look lively, vibrant and strong; If you looked at the side not facing the sun it would look weak, dead, dull
 - 1. Moses absorbed and reflected what he faced-Ex33
- III. Murmuring is looking away and doing that you get dark you get dumb you go down, you get weak, cold, dull**
- A. The more unthankful you are, the darker, the dumber you become and the worse shape you get in spiritually-Rm1:21-Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened-Rm8:6-For to be carnally minded is death-Mt6:22-The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³ But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!
 - B. By not being thankful Hannah went to a dark, dull, dumb, cold place-1Sm1:6-⁶Her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb.⁷ And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. ⁸ Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? ¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore.¹⁶ Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. ¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition.
 - C. Ahab-1Ki21:4-Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.