

*“Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” (Psalm 107:8-9, NLT)*

Most of us are gearing up for Thursdays Thanksgiving Feast – I hope all of you are surrounded by the ones you love and cherish and that it truly **IS** a day of thanksgiving for you. But as a child of God, I believe that every day is reason enough to be thankful to God for His abundant care, mercy, grace and provision – Not to mention that this Almighty God would permit you and me to call Him, “Abba, Father!”

We should continually resolve, or purpose in our hearts, to magnify God in our lives by praising and giving thanks to Him without ceasing every day, not just at Thanksgiving time, but all the time! Praise and thanksgiving are Siamese twins joined together at the hip! Where you find one of these, you find the other!

Consider this...

### **God is worthy of our praise!**

*“I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.” (2 Samuel 22:4/Psalm 18:3, NAS)*

- ◆ God is worthy of our praise because of who He is – Almighty God!
- ◆ God is worthy of our praise because of what He has done!
- ◆ God is worthy of our praise because of what He is doing now!
- ◆ God is worthy of our praise because of what He will do in the future!

*“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” (Psalm 150:6, NIV)*

*“Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.” (Hebrews 13:15, NIV)*

*“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” (Psalm 107:1-9, NIV)*

One of the Thanksgiving traditions we have in our house is that one of the girls will make something with a Scripture verse on it and we’ll pass it around the table before eating and each one gives thanks to God for at least one thing in the past year. In our home this year there will be many stories to tell of God’s faithfulness, His mercy, His unfailing love, His goodness, kindness, protection and grace.

So, from my home to your home, from my family to yours – May you have blessed and awesome Thanksgiving!

**Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Fearless – and remember...**

Christ **IS** All!

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