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## Forgotten Thanksgiving



# What Our Nation Has Forgotten

## I Prayer

- A Prayer for Others
- B Prayer of Thanks

## II Repentance

- A Seek God's Forgiveness
- B Seek Forgiveness of others

## III Appreciation

- A Be thankful for everything
- B Appreciate what we have

## IV Integrity

- A Few mean what they say

## V Sincerity

- A We are no longer sincere and honest

## VI Earnestness

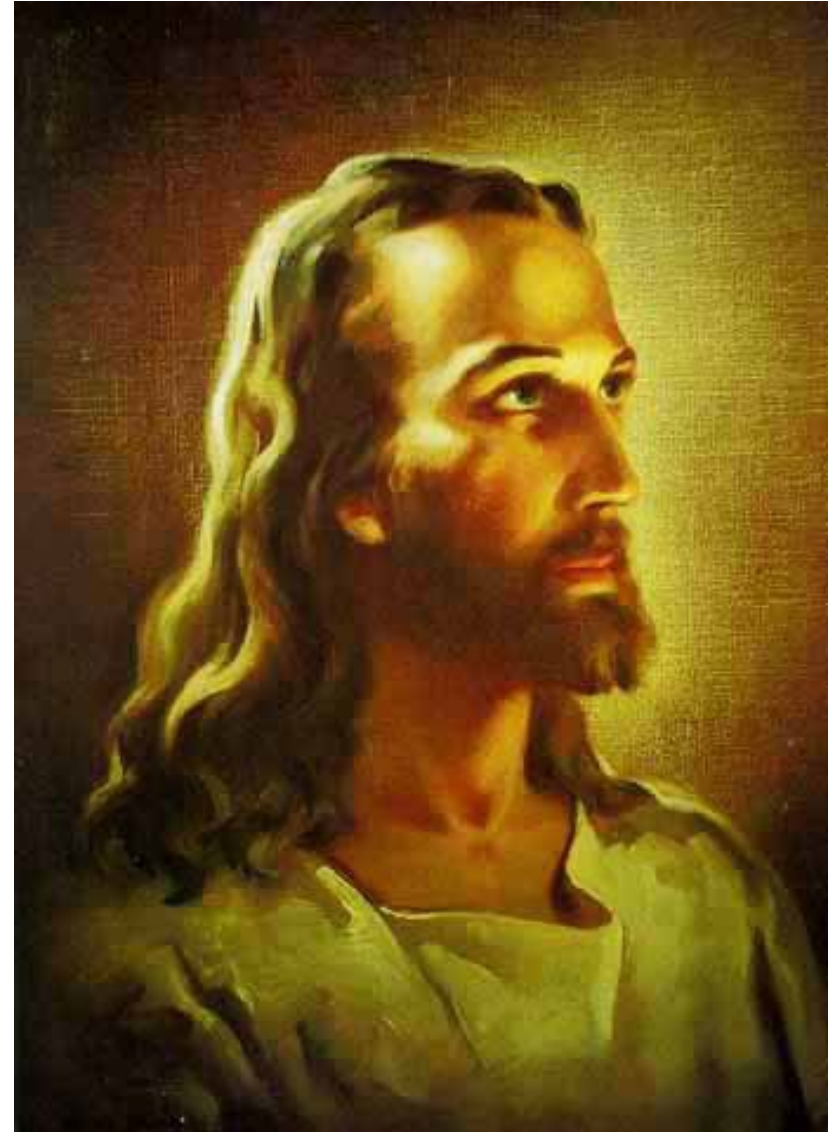
- A We have chosen frivolity and wickedness



# Praise

We have forgotten how to praise our creator and saviour. We are too busy living a life of ease and comfort where Jesus Christ is no longer considered.

We need to remember that when we pray we should start by praising the Lord for what he has already done for us. We need to stop thinking about ourselves and concentrate on praising Jesus Christ.



## Matthew 6

1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

# The Hypocrites of the World

## Matthew 6

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

As Jesus described, the hypocrites are always looking for ways for self-gratification and also showing off to others what they are doing. When they pray they just do it for show, when they go to church it is to be seen by others. The hypocrites do not know how to repent and seek the forgiveness of the Lord. They want to show off to the world!



# Following Jesus' Teaching



Thanksgiving is not about parades and football games. When the Pilgrims celebrated their first harvest, they were thankful for everything that they had including their new found friends the Massachusetts Indians who showed them how to farm and survive the cold New England climate.

Today many want to put on a good show while living lasciviously in sin and hypocrisy. Many have forgotten how to even truly say they are sorry for their wrong doing. They believe that just by saying they are sorry without meaning it will be sufficient. Many have chosen to live in sin and debauchery and they have totally forgotten the lessons of September 11, 2001 when the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked. On September 12, 2001 America was a nation seeking the Lord. Now just eight years later we are a nation that is back living in debauchery and sin. We have forgotten Jesus' teaching and his admonition about the hypocrites. We are worse now than when we were in 2001.

As a nation and as a people we need to truly repent of our wickedness and seek the Lord Jesus Christ. We need to be following the precepts that are written in the Bible. Jesus is our Lord and Saviour when we follow him, but he is our judge when we refuse to follow his precepts. Romans 1 does not end at verse 17!

## **Romans 1:17-18**

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Notice that verse 18 tells us about the wrath of God on those who are the phonies of this world.