

Our December Thanksgiving

And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will. On the same day it shall be eaten; you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 22:29-30 NKJV

With every free-will thanksgiving that you offer to God, you are the one who receives the most benefit! Thanksgiving, just like prayer, just like all of the aspects of our Lord come in the now of God. Jesus is the I AM, not the "I was" or, the "I will be". To be walking in fellowship with God means walking in the immediate presence of God today. And, just as He promised, His mercy is new every morning. As mercy comes to you each day, our thanksgiving should be new each day as well. Today's thanksgiving only lasts for today. But, not to worry, God's mercy will be there tomorrow for you; and it will be new once again! His new mercy will create new thanksgiving. You will have plenty of thanksgiving to release back to God tomorrow. But remember, thanksgiving cannot be offered tomorrow, it can only be offered today.

Genuine thanksgiving is a free-will offering! This thanksgiving you offer to the Lord, YOU get to partake of it! And you will discover, your thanksgiving tastes good! But it doesn't have a very long shelf life! Pure thanksgiving does not contain any preservatives. It only lasts for one day! Don't be so hard on yourself when you feel that nothing you do appears to last very long in your walk before God. We all want one thing to last forever. Well, that's not how the Holy Spirit works: He wants continual fellowship with you. It's not 'lasting value' that God requires but 'continual walking with Him'! Look at Colossians 2:7,

"...rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

We want to see results tomorrow from what we do today. But tomorrow's results will come from what we do tomorrow! Your thanksgiving is SO important in Christ! It will cause your faith to abound. It gives you something to eat today! And, we should intentionally leave none of our thanksgiving out until morning. In other words, today, God wants you to FEAST with Him! And don't be so proper! He wants you to eat ALL of it! Why? Because Christ Himself is the only source of our thanksgiving!

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