## What does the Bible say about Thanksgiving?

Scripture verses with the word "thanksgiving" in them in various English versions Compiled by Howard Culbertson – hculbert@snu.edu

Genesis 4:26 To Seth, also, a son was born, whom he named Enosh (mortal man, mankind). At that [same] time men began to call on the name of the Lord [in worship through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving]. *Amplified Bible* 

Genesis 12:8 Then (Abraham) moved on from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, . . . and there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord [in worship through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving]. *Amplified Bible* 

Exodus 29:28 The people of Israel must always contribute this portion of their sacrifices—whether peace offerings or thanksgiving offerings—as their contribution to the Lord. *Living Bible* 

Leviticus 2:12 You may offer yeast bread and honey as thanksgiving offerings at harvest time, but not as burnt offerings. *Living Bible* 

Leviticus 7:13 Along with their fellowship offering of thanksgiving they are to present an offering with thick loaves of bread made with yeast. *NIV* 

Leviticus 7:15 The meat of their fellowship offering of thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered; they must leave none of it till morning. *NIV* 

Leviticus 7:29 "Tell the people of Israel that anyone bringing a thanksgiving offering to the Lord must bring it personally with his own hands. *Living Bible* 

Leviticus 22:29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord, offer it at your own will. *KJV* 

- 2 Samuel 15:8 For your servant made a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram (Syria), 'If the Lord will in fact bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord [by offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving]." *Amplified Bible*
- 1 Chronicles 16:7 At that time David began the custom of using choirs in the Tabernacle to sing thanksgiving to the Lord. *Living Bible*
- 1 Chronicles 16:29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory and honor due His name; Bring an offering [of thanksgiving], and come before Him; Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. *Amplified Bible*
- 1 Chronicles 25:3 Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with the lyre in thanksgiving and praise to the Lord. *NSRV*

- 2 Chronicles 33:16 He also repaired the altar where the Lord was worshiped, and he sacrificed fellowship offerings and thanksgiving offerings on it. *Good News Translation*
- 2 Chronicles 5:13 It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,"
- 2 Chronicles 7:6 The priests were standing at their posts of duty, and the Levites were playing their thanksgiving song, "His Loving-Kindness Is Forever," using the musical instruments King David himself had made. *Living Bible*
- 2 Chronicles 32:25 However, Hezekiah didn't respond with true thanksgiving and praise for he had become proud, and so the anger of God was upon him and upon Judah and Jerusalem. *Living Bible*
- 2 Chronicles 33:16 (Manasseh) also restored the altar of the Lord and offered on it sacrifices of well-being and of thanksgiving; and he commanded Judah to serve the Lord the God of Israel. *NSRV*
- Ezra 3:11 With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. *NIV*
- Nehemiah 11:17 Mattaniah son of Mika, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the director who led in thanksgiving and prayer; *NIV*
- Nehemiah 12:8 The Levites were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and also Mattaniah, who, together with his associates, was in charge of the songs of thanksgiving. *NIV*
- Nehemiah 12:24 And the leaders of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, Jeshua son of Kadmiel, and their associates, who stood opposite them to give praise and thanksgiving, one section responding to the other. *NIV*
- Nehemiah 12:27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. *NIV*
- Nehemiah 12:46 For long ago, in the days of David and Asaph, there had been directors for the musicians and for the songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. *NIV*
- Psalm 26:7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. *KJV*

Psalm 42:4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. *NSRV* 

Psalm 50:14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: KJV

Psalm 50:23 Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God." *NSRV* 

Psalm 56:12 O God, I will offer you what I have promised; I will give you my offering of thanksgiving, *Good News Translation* 

Psalm 69:30 I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. NIV

Psalm 95:2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. NIV

Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. *NIV* 

Psalm 107:22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. *KJV* 

Psalm 116:17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. *KJV* 

Psalm 119:171 Let my lips speak praise [with thanksgiving], For You teach me Your statutes. *Amplified Bible* 

Psalm 147:7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: KJV

Isaiah 51:3 The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. *NIV* 

Jeremiah 17:26 People will come from the cities of Judah and the places all around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country and from the South (the Negev), bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of the Lord. *Amplified Bible* 

Jeremiah 30:19 From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. NIV

Amos 4:5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, KJV

Jonah 2:9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. *KJV* 

Nahum 1:15 O Judah, proclaim a day of thanksgiving and worship only the Lord, as you have vowed. *Living Bible* 

Zechariah 4:7 Zerubbabel will finish building this Temple with mighty shouts of thanksgiving for God's mercy, declaring that all was done by grace alone." *Living Bible* 

Zechariah 14:16 Those who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, to celebrate a time of thanksgiving. *Living Bible* 

Matthew 15:35-39 Then Jesus told the crowd to sit down comfortably on the ground. And when he had taken the seven loaves and the fish into his hands, he broke them with a prayer of thanksgiving and gave them to the disciples to pass on to the people. *Phillips* (also in Mark's telling of story)

Acts 28:14-16 And then we came to Rome. Friends in Rome heard we were on the way and came out to meet us. One group got as far as Appian Court; another group met us at Three Taverns—emotion-packed meetings, as you can well imagine. Paul, brimming over with praise, led us in prayers of thanksgiving. *Message* 

- 1 Corinthians 10:16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? *NIV*
- 1 Corinthians 14:16 Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? *NIV*
- 2 Corinthians 4:15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. *NIV*
- 2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. *NIV*

Ephesians 5:3-4 Don't allow love to turn into lust, setting off a downhill slide into sexual promiscuity, filthy practices, or bullying greed. Though some tongues just love the taste of gossip, those who follow Jesus have better uses for language than that. Don't talk dirty or silly. That kind of talk doesn't fit our style. Thanksgiving is our dialect. *Message* 

Ephesians 5:4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. *NIV* 

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. *NIV* 

Colossians 1:3-5 Our prayers for you are always spilling over into thanksgivings. Message

Colossians 2:6-7 Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving. *Message* 

Colossians 3:16 Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. *Good News* 

Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; KJV

1 Thessalonians 3:9-10 What would be an adequate thanksgiving to offer God for all the joy we experience before him because of you? *Message* 

1 Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, *NSRV* 

1 Timothy 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: *KJV* 

James 3:10 Words of thanksgiving and cursing pour out from the same mouth. My friends, this should not happen! *Good News* 

Revelation 4:9-11 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanksgiving to the one who sits upon the throne, who lives for timeless ages, the twenty-four elders prostrate themselves before him who is seated upon the throne and worship the one who lives for timeless ages. *J.B. Phillips* 

Revelation 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. *KJV* 

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