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**The response due to God from His people.**

**Gratitude directed toward God.**

**Reasons for Giving Thanks:**

God's covenant faithfulness, His protection and deliverance, His mercy, for His provision....

# Two Issues Related to Giving Thanks

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Giving Thanks in All  
Circumstances

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Giving Thanks and  
Contentment

# We are Never Satisfied

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Ecclesiastes 5:10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

# We Can't Take it With Us

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Ecclesiastes 5:15–16 *As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?*

# We Can't Take it With Us

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1 Timothy 6:6–7 But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

## Ecclesiastes 5:18-19

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<sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom **God has given** wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—**this is the gift of God.**

# The Gift(s) of God

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God gives wealth/possessions

God gives power to enjoy them

God gives power to accept one's lot (& rejoice in his toil)

## Phil 4:11-13

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<sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

# Another Gift – The Joy of His Presence

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Eccl 5:20 For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Psalms 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Lamentations 3:24 “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”