

THANKSGIVING

--PSALM 92:1-4--

INTRODUCTION:

For most Christians Thanksgiving is a holiday in which we can reflect over the past year and give thanks to God for His provision and His blessings. As you reflect this year what will you be most thankful for as you give thanks to God? The greatest provision we can be thankful for is the salvation made available to us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on our behalf. This morning, I want to look at a few verses of Psalm 92 that call us to give thanks to our great and awesome God.

I. GIVING THANKS (Psalm 92:1)

- a. We cannot look at these verses without looking at the whole _____ of the psalm in which they are written.
- b. In this psalm we immediately see the enthusiasm of the author as he recognizes that God is _____ in salvation.
- c. The psalmist begins by calling us to give _____ to the LORD. (1st Corinthians 11:25)
- d. God only sees two _____ of people in this world.
- e. Because we are all sinners, God in His love made a way for mankind to _____ his relationship to God.
- f. One way we can be grateful and express our thankfulness is through _____. (Colossians 1:15-20)

II. GIVE THANKS FOR HIS CHARACTER (Psalm 92:2)

- a. Next, the psalmist in verse two tell us that we can give thanks through our praise by declaring God's _____ at all times.
- b. The root word in Hebrew that lovingkindness is translated from is the word _____.
- c. Then the psalmist tells us to declare God's _____ by night. (Genesis 3:15; Luke 2:10-12)

III. GIVE THANKS WITH ALL THAT IS WITHIN US (Psalm 92:3)

- a. In verse 3 the psalmist returns again to the subject of _____.

- b. Paul also spoke of using the medium of music and singing as a means of _____ wisdom and encouraging one another. (Colossians 3:16-17)
- c. Did you know that even God _____? (Zephaniah 3:17)
- d. Our thanksgiving should be filled with _____ and singing just as the psalmist and Paul encourage us.

IV. GIVE THANKS FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE (Psalm 92:4)

- a. Our passage ends with the psalmist once again speaking of what God has _____ and reiterating that he will rejoice in song at what God has _____.
- b. God is the _____ of all things and when He originally created it His creation was perfect. (Isaiah 45:18; Romans 8:19-25)

CONCLUSION:

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving and many of us will gather with family and enjoy the day together. In the midst of family, food, and tradition, stop for a moment and look at the world around you and thank the Lord for all that He has done, from creation to salvation, thank Him for the hope that we have in His promises, thank Him for His lovingkindness, mercy, grace, and faithfulness. Make a new family tradition of spending some time around the table thanking God for who He is, and what He has done, and if that involves some singing all the better.