

**BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH: THANKSGIVING: A GOOD THING!
MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 2021**

KEY TEXT: PSALM 92

INTRODUCTION:

-negatively, refusing to give thanks is t_____ (Romans 1:18-21); positively, thanksgiving is woven into our Christian f_____ (Colossians 1:12; 2:6-7; 3:15-17; 4:2)

I/ DIRECTION: “Thanks to the Lord” Turns our Thoughts To God (Psalm 92:1)

1. The Insolence of Ingratitude: Psalm 92:6-7, 9; compare Romans 1:18-21

-Psalm 92:6: the world view of one who refuses to give thanks to the Lord is badly distorted: for example, Malachi accused the people of r_____ God by withholding their tithes – a distinct mark of insolence!

-we know better: c_____ is such a powerful revelation, it takes great effort to suppress its lessons

2. The Integrity of Thanksgiving: Psalm 92:1

-“integrity” means something w_____ and unbroken, complete; when we a_____ God, things fall into place (compare Proverbs 3:5-7, 34)

II/ DEVOTION: “Thanks to the Lord” Expresses the Glory Due To God (Psalm 92:1-2)

1. The Name of the Lord

-His l_____ and faithfulness (see Exodus 34:6-7); the Lord is “most high”, “u_____”

2. The Nature of Devotion

- u_____ : “joyful noise”: to speak of something that cannot be missed
- c_____ : 1 Thes.5:16-18 pray without ceasing, rejoice evermore, and give thanks in everything
- appropriate: He is w_____ : see Colossians 1:9-14: joyfully giving thanks!

III/ DELIGHT: “Thanks to the Lord” Enjoys God and His Grace (Psalm 92:4, 10)

1. Made Glad: Psalm 92:4, 10

-to “enjoy God” is the “c_____ e_____ (goal)” of human beings; John 14-17 prepared the disciples for j_____

2. Much Gratitude: compare Colossians 2:6-7

-we a_____ with thanksgiving, and rejoice in an u_____ way (1 Peter 1): good to give thanks because it is the e_____ of our gladness through Christ

IV/ DEPENDENCE: “Thanks to the Lord” Fosters Faith for Future Trials (Psalm 92:12-15)

1. Remembering: Deuteronomy tells us not to f_____ ; giving thanks keeps God’s works in our m_____

2. Reassured (compare Colossians 1:9-14)

-whatever happens in our world, the Lord is our R_____ ; we have a living h_____ in Christ

V/ DECLARATION: “Thanks to the Lord” Proclaims His Salvation (Psalm 92:2)

1. Evangelical Gratitude: something worth s_____ ; we need to s_____ His praises (Colossians 4:2-6)

2. Eternal Gratitude: these grounds for saying that it is good to give thanks are f_____ ultimately in Christ alone: “Worthy is the L_____ that was slain” (Revelation 5:12)

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KINGS: “WRITTEN FOR OUR ADMONITION”
Q. THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE
EVENING, OCTOBER 10, 2021

KEY TEXTS: 2 KINGS 25:27-29; Romans 15:4

INTRODUCTION:

-mostly *1 and 2 Kings* demonstrates 1 Corinthians 10:1-11: a cautionary word; but 2 Kings 25:27-29 prepares for Romans 15:4: written that we might have hope

I/ THE ADMONITIONS OF THE KINGS

1. Pride: Its Folly and Fall

-*Kings* provides an art gallery full of human arrogance: revealed by kings ...

- over-estimating human power – one’s own abilities, and the power of the empires (see for example Isaiah 7)
- trusting human strategems and wisdom more than the Word of God: again, Isaiah 7

2. The Fear of the Lord: will we acknowledge that “the Lord, He is God”?

-*tempted to idolatry*: 1 Corinthians 10; compare 2 Kings 17, 22: idolatry the reason for the fall of Samaria and Jerusalem
-*tested faith*: a matter of *believing God* – but such faith will be put to the test (Hezekiah, Josiah)

3. The Day of the Lord Will Come

-see Ahab’s demise, and the fall of Samaria and Jerusalem; 2 Peter 3: God is patient, but the Day comes
-*Kings* illustrates the importance of the *heart*: written to bring us to repentance (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

4. The Place of the Word

-the Word of God is to be trusted and obeyed; represented especially by prophets like Elijah and Elisha, Isaiah and Jeremiah

II/ THE ANTICIPATION OF HOPE: ROMANS 15:4

1. The Glory of a Truly Wise King who Fears the Lord: see Isaiah 11

-the King of Isaiah 11 fears the Lord – really and completely; and thus His reign is marked by peace and justice; Isaiah 9:6-7

2. The Delight of the Lord in Mercy

-the fall of Jerusalem announced to Manasseh, decades before it happened; in the mean time, still called to repent

3. The Hope for the Gentiles

-although this would be a minor theme at best in the depths of the Old Testament, it is nonetheless the conclusion drawn by Jesus in Luke 4:25-27 about Elijah and Elisha going away from the centre of the nation to show mercy

4. The Persistent Purpose of God: 2 Kings 25:27-29

-David’s line is in fact preserved through this, and returns, continuing on until in the city of David is born to us a Saviour!

-learning some lessons from Biblical histories especially through the Genealogies (see 1 Chronicles 1-9): the genealogies...

- demonstrate that God is at work in all history: He is the Lord over all the earth
- illustrate the point of Acts 17, that we are made of one blood
- prove that being of the seed of Abraham physically gains us nothing: widespread unbelief proves Jesus’ point that they were not true descendants of Abraham; Romans 4/Galatians 3: must be of the faith of Abraham
- prepare us for the genealogies of the Lord Jesus in Matthew and Luke; the horrors perpetrated by some of the kings included in Matthew’s list in Matthew 1:1-17 does not stop the advance to the coming of the Lord to save
- underline that even though decimated by sin, God will have a people like sand on the seashore and stars in the sky; as Ephesians 2:11-22 and Romans 15 will show, some from every tribe, tongue and nation will join that eternal choir

-when we are in a period of seeming contraction, in a darker period where the name of the Lord is hardly whispered, remember the lessons of *Kings*: God has not lost His way! All the more now that Christ has come, let us trust Him, waiting until that day dawns – for the Word of God stands forever