

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

Thanksgiving

A sermon application guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with this message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Just Say “NO” to Unthankfulness

“Father, reveal to me your truth in this message, help me to receive it, and plant it deep in my heart to affect the way that I live. Give me opportunities to walk this truth out as I trust in you to keep your Word. Let your Word be a light to my feet, and guide me as I go. I love you, and I praise you for all that you are and all that you’ve done, in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

Key Concepts/Truths

When it comes to grace, it does not exist to allow us to keep sinning. It teaches us to say “No!” to the world, our flesh, and the devil, and empowers us to live self-controlled, upright, and Godly lives.

If we want to know God’s will for our lives, giving thanks is where we start.

The Bible doesn’t say to give thanks for everything, but to give thanks in everything.

Giving thanks has little to do with circumstance and everything to do with the posture of our heart.

Joy comes as we fully appreciate what we have. If we have incredible wealth without being thankful, we are ultimately poor because our attitude is far more important than the things that we have.

An entitled attitude suffocates joy out of life, but thankfulness brings joy.

When we worship God and give thanks, it makes space for the supernatural to take place. Giving God thanks was always the behavior and heart posture Jesus had as He worked miracles.

We have a covenant with God. The covenant love that God showed, which moved on Israel’s behalf, moves also on our behalf as we are in covenant with Jesus.

During even the darkest hour of our lives, it can feel hard to worship God. But if we will focus on Him and truly give Him thanks we will see Him move on our behalf.

The testimonies in the Bible are not just stories, they are there for us to hold onto and recognize the power of God in the midst of whatever circumstance is taking place.

Key Verses:

Titus 2:11-12 • 2 Timothy 3:1-5 • 1 Thessalonians 5:18 • 2 Chronicles 20:21-23 • Psalms 136:1-3 • Psalms 136:10-18 • Psalms 136:1-6 • Matthew 26:28 • Acts 16:25-26 • Hebrews 13:15 • Jonah 2:9 Proverbs 31:10 • Isaiah 61:3

Daily Application

When we appreciate what we have, and express it, we supernaturally invite what God has for us into our lives . When we're not thankful, we become spoiled and unable to see God moving in our lives because we'll always be unsatisfied with everything that happens around us. It's important to remember that the things happening around us and to us are not stronger or more significant than the things happening in us by the power of God.

When we give thanks to God for the things that we have we will receive peace, be matured, and see God move in our lives.

So if a thankful heart and a posture of praise open the door to the supernatural, what do you have to be thankful for?

Just as Pastor Duane encouraged in service, take some time to write down a list of twenty things that you are thankful for. Take that list and dedicate a few minutes each day for the next week and thank God for them individually. Thank God for your spouse, your children, your job, your vehicle, your house or apartment, your health, whatever it might be that you have. And then take note of the joy that you receive in return for your thankfulness. You'll experience a perspective shift, and open up the door to the supernatural work that the Lord wants to do in your life.

This Week's Declarations

"As I lift my hands I thank God that I'm forgiven. My past is under Jesus' blood, I'm part of the family of God, and I have His garment of praise on. I know that in every situation I can give thanks. I focus on God, who He is, what He has done, and will continue to do. As I do, I see God move in the midst of my circumstances, maturing me, and defeating every work of the devil. I lift up a song of thanks and praise in every circumstance, because I know who my God is and what He is capable of. I thank God for His power and love working within me to bless the world, in Jesus' name!"

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Titus 2:11-12 NIV

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NKJV

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

1 Thessalonians 5:18

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV

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Psalms 100:4-5 NKJV

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

2 Chronicles 20:21-23 CEB

After consulting with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed musicians to play for the Lord, praising his majestic holiness. They were to march out before the warriors, saying, “Give thanks to the Lord because his faithful love lasts forever!” As they broke into joyful song and praise, the Lord launched a surprise attack against the Ammonites, the Moabites, and those from Mount Seir who were invading Judah, so that they were defeated. The Ammonites and the Moabites turned on those from Mount Seir, completely destroying them. Once they had finished off the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy each other!

Psalms 136:1-3 NKJV

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

Psalm 136:10-18 NKJV

To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For His mercy endures forever; And brought out Israel from among them, For His mercy endures forever; With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures forever; To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever; And made Israel pass through the midst of it, For His mercy endures forever; But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures forever; To Him who led His people through the wilderness, For His mercy endures forever; To Him who struck down great kings, For His mercy endures forever; And slew famous kings, For His mercy endures forever—

Matthew 26:28 NKJV

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Acts 16:25-26 NKJV

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

Jonah 2:9 NKJV

But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.”

Hebrews 13:15 NKJV

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Proverbs 31:10-12 NKJV

Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:28-29 NKJV

Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: “Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all.”

Hebrews 13:15 NKJV

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Romans 1:21-23 NKJV

because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Psalm 137:1-6 NKJV

By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept
When we remembered Zion. We hung our harps
Upon the willows in the midst of it. For there those who carried us away captive
asked of us a song, And those who plundered us requested mirth, Saying, "Sing us one of the
songs of Zion!" How shall we sing the Lord's song In a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget its skill! If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cling to the roof of my
mouth— If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy.

Isaiah 61:3 NKJV

To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of
righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

John 10:10 NKJV

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may
have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.