



Shiloh Messenger

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Just One Reasonable Response In the Manifestation Of Thankfulness

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, however to be correct it is purely an extension, an on-going celebration of a (SELAH) (A Pausing to think about it) of The Lord God's Attributes, **THE ACTUAL GOODNESS OF GOD!** Every day is cause to reflect upon **HIS GOODNESS, HIS GRACE, HIS REDEMPTION, HIS FAITHFULNESS, HIS INTEGRITY, HIS MERCY, HIS PROTECTION, HIS PROVISION, HIS PRESENCE, HIS LOVE, HIS WISDOM, HIS REVELATION** that **HE** eagerly bestows onto those in Covenant with **HIM!** The Psalmist says it so fittingly in Psalm 145:5, as this one is articulating a heart that is bursting at the seams with thanksgiving as **HE** exclaims, "I will meditate on the glorious splendor of **YOUR MAJESTY, and On YOUR Wondrous Works.**" And like the Psalmist, our objective must be so full of thanksgiving that we as well do reflect on what God has said and what **HE** has done and on what **HE** is like. For those who have been encountered by **HIM** and have this precise mind set and heart throb, surely every day is cause to SELAH and be a Thanksgiving Day, because after **HE** reveals **HIMSELF** to you there is not but one reasonable response to **THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.**

The Following poem was given to us by The Inspiration of The Holy Spirit several years ago and it is massively loaded in distinguishing **ONLY ONE RIGHT RESPONSE FROM A THANKFUL HEART.** We encourage you to reflect on the words that gigantically pronounce a life that lives out Thanksgiving.

What is an offering Lord may we ask, Is it an assignment, a test, or a task, is it for us to determine as we will, selecting for our self in safety of the well and calculated bill? Lord, YOU and YOU alone can define this rather touchy and misunderstood topic correctly, because at best we make a mess as we flounder with mortal words indirectly. Oh Lord reveal to each of us what is really true, YOUR offering Dear FATHER, give us revelation and our hearts to YOU please woo.

"Alright, I will answer you, so listen carefully, it is surely not a set standard, nor an admission fee, it is not religion, nor tradition, not a ritual, or something mankind coerces you to do, it is a matter of the heart that speaks volumes to you. It is to the one that is captivated and has purposed to give me a gift, their focus is upon **I AM** and they refuse to be allured by today's economics, fleshly agendas and drift. Rationalization, Justification, selfishness, and fear are tools that intoxicate and numb your giving, but faith and trust are attributes of the ones who are truly living. So I will end with a question directed back to the heart of each one of you, is the offering something you must control and do? Or have you come to the place where all is Mine, and it is a pleasure for you to participate in the Sacred, Holy, and Divine. If you are persistent in asking for ways to increase to **ME**, then you are an extravagant giver, you have indeed a thankful heart, and with the eyes of The Spirit you see. Those yielding have been given Agape Love to rescue and build **MY Kingdom Enterprise, Only in the secret places of your heart can you determine if you will participate and what will be your offering size. So you asked ME to define it with words spoken by ME, I tell you the offering is pure love, a thankful heart, and a gauge to measure one's priorities you see. If I have nothing less than 100% of you, and you truly produce Romans 12:1-2, then money, resources, time, gifts, and talents that I allow you to steward you see, are something you live with fiery passion to give back to ME. Yes, you will look for opportunities to sow much seed, through the various things I allow you to steward, even in difficult times when you are in need, Because you have come to the place where you are building with ME, and I have given you an Eternal mind set and a Global Perspective, MY VISION to see. So instead of crying out like so many do, for ME to bring them increase so they can do what their flesh desires to pursue, you are asking ME to fulfill your destiny so I can give through you, this is MY definition of a giver, an offering of a thankful heart through and through."**

Therefore there is just but the one reasonable response regarding Thanksgiving, and the manifestation of a thankful heart expressing thankfulness back TO The Lord God Almighty, and that simply but profoundly is a completely surrendered life back to **HIM (Romans 12:1-2).**

Students Testimony

My name is Luke Wells. I am 23 years old, and live in Glenmora Louisiana. As a child, I grew up in an environment of drug and alcohol abuse, until the divorce of my parents at age 10. I put no blame on my family members and believe God's hand protected me from death many times. He was answering the prayers of a faithful mother. From this point, I was brought up in a Christian Environment. However, I refused to let go of unforgiveness and bitterness in my heart. This led to a life-style of disrespect and rebellion towards my family and God. My life started revolving around jail, treatment centers, and other legal issues. I totaled three vehicles in two years. I knew God saw me through everything, but I was too selfish to care and continued to drink, which destroyed my relationship with my family. I got arrested again on multiple charges along with what would be my 3rd DWI. Due to an error, it was not issued and although most would consider that an accident, now I see as God working. In spite of this, I returned to alcohol. After everything God was doing in my life, I had too much pride to ask for help. God should have given up on me, lifted His grace from my life, and left me in the miserable state of emotional torment and depression, but He didn't. He allowed me to get to this condition so I would have no more choices, but to hit my knees and cry out to Jesus. He heard my cry and opened the way for me to come to Shiloh. God has been healing me since the day I got to Shiloh. There is so much more to Shiloh than just getting clean and sober. God is healing me from the inside out. Shiloh teaches about God and sets up this environment to experience Him continually. I know God wants to reach people through my life. I refuse to let pride and selfishness take the place of Jesus. My decision to come to Shiloh has allowed God to change me forever, and my hope is that others will see this change and desire it for themselves. God has already began to heal relationships in my life. According to 2 Corinthians 5:18 (AMP) We are given the "ministry of reconciliation" to lead others to Christ not only by our words but by the way we live our lives. God, through Jesus, has reconciled me back to Himself and my heart's desire is to see others receive the same freedom that I have received. I would like to thank Shiloh Staff for their obedience, Brother Dave for teaching the word of God. Also I thank my family for loving me and not giving up on me while I was in my mess. Thank you Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie for your faithfulness to the Lord, your obedience opened the way for men like me to come to Shiloh.



Prayer Needs: Please be in agreement with us for a **new commercial refrigerator**. We are in the process of enlarging our kitchen to facilitate meal preparations to accommodate the increasing Student and staff population. Thanks for all you do in praying for us & in your generosity!

We want to thank everyone who financially partners with us in this Supernatural Ministry. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We would also like to ask Pastor's for the opportunity for the students to come & share with their congregation. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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