



Shiloh Messenger

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Gracious Gratitude-Thankfulness for who God Is

Oh Come, let us sing to The Lord! Let us shout joyfully to The Rock of our salvation. Let us come before HIS Presence with Thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to HIM with Psalms. For The Lord is The Great God. Psalm 95:1-3

As We were in Sunday Worship Service a few days ago, HOLY SPIRIT was moving in our midst. The Worship Songs were all about JESUS. Each Word, and every instrument being played was radiating HE IS HERE!! WORSHIP HIM !! There was no disconnect in that moment of Worshipful adoration to HIM! There was no wandering in our minds.. We were not distracted by others in our midst, We did not hink of time, or what we had failed to do and even things to get done... We were captivated by HIS PRESENCE! As this continued to unfold, one Worship Song after another, it gave off such a reverential Atmosphere as We beheld HIS Presence. When HE shows up, Your focus will be undeniably upon HIM in full allegiance with The Holy Heavenly Beings saying HOLY HOLY HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!!

And now as we think upon Thanksgiving.. We acknowledge the greatest Thankfulness We could ever express in a tangible way. It is indeed GRACIOUS GRATITUDE in hosting HIS PRESENCE. In magnitude of heart; in awe of our Bridegroom King JESUS. HE IS THE OBJECT OF OUR GRATITUDE. How can we be apathetic to THE ONE who paid our sin debt and gave us eternal life with HIM? Think about the last time you prayed. Did your conversation with The Heavenly Father focus primarily on your needs and requests? How much of your prayers, or how little do you typically devote to Thanking God for who HE is and what HE does?

In Psalm 92:1, We read, "It is good to give Thanks to THE LORD." In other words, expressing Gratitude to HIM is beneficial. We might ask, beneficial for whom? First of all, God HIMSELF is pleased when we voice appreciation. Expressions of Gratitude Glorify HIM and it shows we recognize the source of our blessings. Also a Thankful Heart with expressions to HIM through our Worship and our everyday life Style impacts our lives in such a way that it indeed readjusts our focus. Today's Society places so many demands on each of us, that it is easy to drift away from our first priority in life. However, when we begin to Praise The Lord, We remember that life is to center around HIM, not vice versa. Expressing Gratitude can reset our awareness that we should be in continuous fellowship with our Creator and Redeemer. Thanking God reminds us of our dependence upon HIM. A person can have an independent spirit, but it is absolutely impossible for anyone to live independently of God. In an instant, HE could stop a heart from beating or dramatically change the course of one's life. Thanking HIM brings to mind blessings we enjoy only because of HIS Goodness and makes us aware of how desperately we need HIM. Offering Praise releases anxiety. When we begin to Thank GOD, there is a physiological effect on our bodies, the mind changes, and emotions begin to calm. We believe it is impossible to remain tense while Praising ALMIGHTY GOD. Our Father wants us to stay healthy, and HE designed Thanksgiving to contribute to our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The next time your mind is racing and your stomach is in knots, try praising GOD, even though you probably will not feel like doing so. Expressing Gratitude has nothing to do with how you feel at the moment. Simply begin to THANK HIM FOR WHO HE IS. Expressing Gratitude refreshes our relationship with THE LORD. Praising THE LORD has the effect of deepening our intimacy with HIM. Thanksgiving refines our spiritual perception. As we tell THE LORD of our appreciation, we will gain deeper insight into who HE is, what HE is like, and the way HE thinks. It is as if our capacity to understand the deep things of GOD is sharpened. Gratitude reinforces our Faith. As we offer Thanks to THE LORD, our thoughts turn to how HE has answered our prayers, met our needs, protected us, and worked in our life. We recall specific expressions of HIS Goodness, love, and mercy to us and our loved ones. The result is that our faith is reinforced, and we are strengthened for the way GOD wants to use us in the future. Praising GOD rejoices our spirit. As We thank THE LORD, we begin to sense a deep incomparable joy. When We express gratitude to GOD, we get a clearer picture of HIS Character and HIS involvement in our lives. A big question to reflect upon is how do we give HIM our thanks? It is indeed a worshipful heart in times of Sunday Worship as mentioned in the opening paragraph of Hosting HIS PRESENCE, but yet it does not stop there. We may host HIS presence all the time, if we but desire to and posture ourselves in humility and adoration toward HIM. When We lift our praises to HIM, We should realize the importance of using HIS NAME.. OH Yes, There is INDEED something BEAUTIFUL and POWERFUL about THE Name of JESUS!!! THE NAME OF JESUS!!! When We say HIS NAME, There is POWER, THERE IS PEACE, AND THERE IS HIS PRESENCE. When we sing HIS Praises, We express our gratitude, unfortunately, if not careful, it is easy to sing the words of a worship song while our thoughts are somewhere else. When we come together to Worship, we should be singing to Almighty GOD with our whole heart and our full attention. No believer should be able to stand on Sunday Morning and sing. "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound" with a deadpan expression. We are singing to HOLY GOD! How can we ever be apathetic to HIM, THE ONE, THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION?

We express Gratitude when we walk uprightly before HIM. THE BIBLE is replete telling us that we are to be HOLY because THE LORD is HOLY. GOD sent HOLY SPIRIT to indwell us and to live a HOLY LIFE of CHRIST through us. Galatians 2:20. ****Please take a Listen to the message on Shiloh's You Tube Channel, Shiloh Church & Ministries, message titled "Sanctified Life for CHRIST JESUS". This is a heart of Gratitude to HIM. Let us not be guilty of what may be the greatest sin of all, indifference and ingratitude toward ALMIGHTY GOD. "With my whole heart, with my whole life, and with my innermost being I bow in wonder and love before YOU, THE HOLY GOD! Yahweh, YOU are my soul's celebration. How could I ever forget the miracles of kindness YOU have done for me? YOU kissed my heart with forgiveness, in spite of all I have done. YOU have healed me inside and out from every disease. YOU have rescued me from hell and saved my life. YOU have crowned me with love and mercy. YOU satisfy my every desire with good things. YOU have supercharged my life so that I soar again like a flying eagle in the sky!" Psalm 103:1-5. The Passion Translation. Oh that We manifest Thanksgiving with gracious gratitude's toward HIM and HOST HIS PRESENCE with our whole heart.

Shiloh Students

We are Thankful for these current students at Shiloh. They are diverse for sure from ages 19 to 66, and all in between. They come from different backgrounds, and different states. Currently here at Shiloh is Texas, Louisiana, Washington, Missouri, and Minnesota. They each have a unique personality, gifts, talents, and personal testimonies. All of them love The Lord, and have been redeemed by The precious Blood of JESUS. We give Thanks at Shiloh for HIS AMAZING GRACE to each of us! We can never Thank HIM enough. We also Thank all of you who encourage us, pray for us, and give to support this ministry. Please know we are praying for you and your families! "For God is not unjust. HE will not forget how hard you have worked for HIM and how you have shown your love to HIM by caring for other believers, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10 NLT. We are Praying you and your family have a Peaceful Thanksgiving as you reflect on HIS Goodness.



Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!

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