

THANKSGIVING
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Last week we learned about the Feast of Tabernacles. There is something here that God is trying to get our attention about! Something that He wants us to GET!

Thanksgiving is NOT just a season, a day, a good meal, or good practicing manners (although, good manners do allow you good attitudes to show!)

WARNING – It's too easy to remember OUR disappointments and trials! We fill our thoughts with the omissions and hurts others have done. In the midst of our heart ache, we should cry out to God. And what does God usually ask us to do? Give thanks!

But that is both too simple and too hard. It is something we cannot do unless we totally depended on Him for help.

So sit down with a pencil and card, and ask God for help. And God will show you that there are things that we can be thankful for, and in the process, He will release you and restore His peace to you.

Thanks-giving is a weapon of warfare, a might shield. It is a SPIRITUAL POWER TOOL that we can wield with Praise!

Philippians 4:6-7, NIV – “... *but in everything by prayer and petition, WITH THANKSGIVING, present your requests known to God. And the peace of God, which transcends (surpasses) all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*”

THANKSGIVING brings us into the protection of the Holy Spirit, where our hearts and minds are safe from the enemy's attack and confusion, and we can enjoy PEACE . It is indeed Happy Thanksgiving that we have been offered. Will we use it?

Colossians 2:7, MSG – “*You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.*”

Colossians 4:2, GNB – “*Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God.*”

Colossians 3:17, MSG – “*Let every detail in your lives -- words, actions, whatever -- be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.*”

Ephesians 5:20, GNB – “*In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father.*”