



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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THANKS BE UNTO GOD AUTUMN & THANKSGIVING

Let Us Give
Thanks

Thank You,
Lord!

In Days Gone By

On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. This brought great shock to our nation.

Every Thanksgiving the newspapers are full of diagrams showing how to carve a turkey. The trouble is that the birds we get never have dotted lines on them.

Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

—Psalm 147:1, 5-7

THANKSGIVING WEATHER FORECAST

Turkeys will thaw in the morning, then warm in the oven to an afternoon high near 190F. The kitchen will turn hot and humid, and if you bother the cook, be ready for a severe squall or cold shoulder.

During the late afternoon, and evening, the cold front of a knife will slice through the turkey, causing an accumulation of one to two inches on plates. Mashed potatoes will drift across one side while cranberry sauce creates slippery spots on the other. Please pass the gravy.

A weight watch and indigestion warning have been issued for the entire area, with increased stuffiness around the beltway. During the evening, the turkey will diminish and taper off to leftovers, dropping to a low of 34F in the refrigerator.

Looking ahead to Friday and Saturday, high pressure to eat sandwiches will be established. Flurries of leftovers can be expected both days with 50 percent chance of scattered soup late in the day. We expect a warming trend where soup develops.

By early next week, eating pressure will be low, as the only wish left will be the bone.

A Good Thanksgiving

Said Old Gentleman Ray, "On a Thanksgiving Day,
If you want a good time, then give something away."

So he sent a fat turkey to Shoemaker Price;
And the shoemaker said, "What a big bird! How nice!
And, since such a good dinner's before me, I ought
To give poor Widow Lee the small chicken I bought."

"This fine chicken, oh, see!" said the pleased Widow Lee,
"And the kindness that sent it, how precious to me!
I would like to make someone as happy as I—
I'll give Washerwoman Bidly my big pumpkin pie."

"And, oh, sure!" Bidly said, "'tis the queen of all pies!
Just to look at its yellow face gladdens my eyes!
Now it's my turn, I think; and a sweet ginger cake
For the motherless Finnigan children I'll bake."

"A sweet cake all our own! 'Tis too good to be true!"
Said the Finnigan children, Rose, Denny and Hugh;
"It smells sweet of spice and we'll carry a slice
To poor little lame Jake, who has nothing that's nice."

"Oh, I thank you and thank you!" said little lame Jake;
"What a bootiful, bootiful, bootiful cake!
And, oh, such a big slice! I will save all the crumbs
And will give 'em to each little sparrow that comes!"

And the sparrows they twittered, as if they would say,
Like Old Gentleman Ray, "On Thanksgiving Day,
If you want a good time, then give something away!"

—Marian Douglas



For each letter of the word "Thanksgiving," write one thing for which you are thankful that begins with that letter.

T _____

H _____

A _____

N _____

K _____

S _____

G _____

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V _____

I _____

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?? What If.... ??

What If God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?
 What If God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we did not follow Him today?
 What If we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?
 What If God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as HIS day?
 What If God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?
 What If God took away His message because we failed to listen to His messenger?
 What If the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?
 What If God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?
 What If God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday?
 What If God answered our prayers the way we answer His call for service?
 What If God met our needs the way we give Him our lives?

O Lord, help us to be thankful that you have "not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities"

Psa. 103:10



God's Extras

God could have made the sun to rise
Without such splendor in the skies;
He could have made the sun to set
Without a glory greater yet.

He could have made the corn to grow
Without that sunny, golden glow;
The fruits without those colors bright,
So pleasant to the taste and sight;

And caused the apple trees to bloom
Without the scent that doth perfume
Those dainty blossoms, pink and white,
That fill our hearts with sheer delight.

He could have made the ocean roll
Without such music for the soul—
The mighty anthem, loud and strong—
And birds without their clear, sweet
song.

The charm of kittens' dainty grace,
The dimples in a baby's face—
All these are "extras" from His hand,
Whose love we cannot understand.

The God who fashioned flow'rs and trees
Delights to give us things that please,
And all His handiwork so fair
His glory and His love declare.

Yes, He who made the earth and skies
Gave "extras" for our ears and eyes,
And while my heart with rapture
sings,
I thank Him for the "extra
things."

—Margaret K. Fraser

