

“PRAYING WITH GRATITUDE ”

I. IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

A. Prayers of Thanksgiving in the O.T. were Usually Based More on Physical Blessings.

1. In the Pentateuch and _____ books of the OT the giving of _____ is not as _____ as it was at other times. (Ex. 15; Lev. 7; Deut. 26; Isa. 25; Jer. 32:16-25; Dan. 6:10; Jonah 2:9)
2. In the _____ books and the _____ in particular, there is an abundance of _____ petitions. (2 Sam. 22:50; 1 Chron. 16:1, 34-36; Ezra 7:27-28; Psalm 8; 96; 100; 106:1, 47; 107:1; 119:62; 136; 140:13)

B. Prayers of Thanksgiving in the N.T. Are Generally Emphasizing the Spiritual Aspect of Our Blessings.

1. So with _____ revelation, people became increasingly more _____ as they became more _____ of what God had already done for them.
2. After the amazing plan of redemption was displayed at the _____ of Christ, _____ now have every reason to be _____ (1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14; 9:15)
3. The prayers of Paul _____ with _____. (Rom. 1:8; 14:6; 1 Cor. 1:4; 15:57; 2 Cor. 1:11; 4:15; 9:11; Eph. 1:15-16; 5:4, 20; Philip. 1:3; 4:6; Col. 1:3; 2:7; 3:17; 4:2; 1 Thess. 1:2; 3:9; 5:17-18; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:1; 2 Tim. 1:3)

C. In Prayers of Thanksgiving Found in the Bible, God Himself is the Primary Object, of Thanksgiving, Not Just the _____ That Stem From His Grace.

* How is it we lose sight of this?

D. A Grateful Heart _____ in a _____ Way.

1. The words _____ (*pencan*) and _____ (*pancian*) come from a common old English root. If we would only take the time to _____ on things _____ more frequently, without question we would _____ God more often.

2. An ungrateful heart may _____ your prayer life, because petitions without _____ are really going _____.
 - a. If you are not _____ and _____ for what you already have in Christ, it is highly _____ that you will be thankful for what you could get from the _____.

 - b. Like any parent, it must seriously _____ our Father's heart to have to listen to the wining of an _____ child.

3. The seeds of _____ and _____ will stifle growth in the soil of an _____ heart.

4. The very same sense of _____ that you have in coming to the Lord with a request should be present and practiced in your _____ as well.

5. The holy combination of _____ with _____ produces _____ results.

* How can you apply this truth today in your own life?