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1 Chronicles 16:34: [Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His Love endures forever.](#)

GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO THE LORD!

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Almighty Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we give You thanks, praise and bless Your Lord, for the Gift of Your Divine and Holy Presence. Father, thank You again for this month's inspired message. Lord, please continue to fill us up with Your Holy Spirit's unlimited Wisdom and Discernment. Father, please continue to give us the strength and grace to meet the challenges set forth before us each day. Lord, please help us each day, not to fall prey to the forces of evil in this fallen world. Lord, please have mercy on our mind, body, and soul each waking day. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of our Savior and Lord, Christ Jesus. Hallelujah! Amen!

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Hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly inspired message for August 2014. The inspired message for this month is titled, ***Give Thanks and Praise to the Lord***. In the Holy Bible in **Psalm 107:8-9** it is written; **Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing Love and His wonderful deeds for men, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.** Also it is written in **1 Thessalonians 5:18; Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's Will for you in Christ Jesus.** Although we cannot spend all our time on our knees, it's possible to have a thanks and praise attitude all the time, through prayer. This attitude is built upon acknowledging our dependence on God, realizing His Presence within us and determining to obey Him fully. Here are five ways we can be thankful: (1) We can be thankful that God answers our prayers. (2) We can be thankful for God's provision for our needs. (3) We can be thankful for God's blessings. (4) We can be thankful for God's character and wondrous works. (5) We can be thankful for our fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ. As believing Christians, we represent Christ Jesus at all times—wherever we go and whatever we say. Everything that we do and say, we should do it in the name of the Lord, bringing honor and glory to Christ in every aspect and activity of daily living.

In **Hebrews 12:28** God says; Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. According to the Bible, eventually the world will crumble and only God's Kingdom will last. Those who follow Christ are part of this unshakable kingdom, and they will be able to withstand, all the shaking, shifting, and burning. When we feel unsure about the future, we can have confidence in the Lord that all things will be secure to those who believe in Him. No matter what happens here, our future is built on a solid foundation that cannot be destroyed says the Lord Christ Jesus. Don't be foolish and put your confidence on what will be destroyed; instead, build your life on Christ and His unshakable Eternal Kingdom.

As for giving praise to the Lord, here are some scriptures from the book of Psalms to reflect upon. These Holy Scriptures appear to demonstrate a deep sense of sincere praise to the Lord. They appear to be directly addressed to God; they contemplate His work and His character; they directly bless God and His Holy name-----that is, they express appreciation to God for who He is by nature. The Bible tells us in **Psalm 28:6; Praise be to the Lord for He has heard my cry for mercy.** In **Psalm 52:9** it is written I will praise You; forever for what You have done; in Your name I will hope, for Your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of Your saints. Also it is written in **Psalm 103:2-3; Praise the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits---who forgives all your sins and heals all of your diseases.** Praise is an expression of admiration, a response to God's Love, Grace, and Mercy. Praise is essentially a response to God, who meets us through His revelation. Revelation, whether in nature, in the Scripture, or in the incarnation, makes us sensible of who God is and His qualities. The appropriate response to God's self---revelation is not only faith but also praise. In the process it not only ascribes worth to God, but deepens our innermost sense of what He really means to us. In praise, we reflect back to God that which He has revealed to us about Himself, with expressions of our admiration and appreciation. Also, praise may be expressed in private prayer or public worship, in words, or in song. As for thanks, I believe that thanks is only a starting level of appreciation for the Lord; whereas praise, is a much deeper level of respect, more heartfelt! However, I believe that all appreciation for the Lord, starts with thanks. Also, I believe that sincere thanks will eventually turn into praise to the Lord. Thanks and praise to the Lord, starts when God's Holy Spirit begins to dwell from within! Amen.

So my brothers and sisters, it's time for some closing thoughts. The Bible tells us clearly, to give thanks and praise to the Lord Christ Jesus. We as Christians have so many reasons to give thanks and praise to Jesus. Things like, His sacrifice and death on the cross for our sins; His free Gift of Eternal Salvation for all who believe in Him; His Holy Spirit's Indwelling; His Wisdom; His Grace; His Love; His Mercy; His Divine Presence and so on! We as Christians in Christ should always remember what Jesus has really done for all of us. Lord Jesus is the Light of the world and our Savior from the darkness of this fallen world!! So may we always; **Give thanks and praise to the Lord!.....Amen!!**

HEAVEN

By Sarah Young

MY KINGDOM CANNOT BE SHAKEN! This present world seems to be shaking more and more, leaving us unbalanced much of the time. As you worship Me, however, your perspective changes and you regain your balance. To worship Me acceptably with reverence and awe, thankfulness is essential. I designed you to be thankful on a daily, day by day basis. You need to resist the temptation to grumble when things don't go the way you like. Remember that I, Your God, am a consuming fire. If you see Me in all My Glory, you would be much too awestruck to venture even the tiniest complaint.

My unshakable kingdom is for all people who love Me, who know Me as Savior. This everlasting kingdom, consist of things that no eye has ever seen, no ear has never heard, no mind has ever conceived. I have prepared infinite, wonderful delights for those who love Me. Moreover, at the end of this age I will come back and take you with Me so that you will be where I am.

Let these precious promises ignite your thankfulness, till you are aglow with My living Presence-----shining brightly in this dark and fallen world!

For further study see: **Hebrews 12:28-29; 1 Corinthians 2:9; John 14:3.**

SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR AUGUST 2014

Proverbs 11:5; The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT: The Bible tells us in **Psalm 114:7-8;**
**[[Tremble, O earth, at the Presence of the Lord, at the Presence of the
God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into God's
springs of water.]]** My brothers and sisters, when God gave the Ten
Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai, the mountain trembled in God's
Presence. Even with our great technologies today, the seas, rivers, and
mountains still present us with formidable challenges. But to God who
controls nature they are nothing. When observing the power of an ocean
wave or the majesty of a mountain peak, think about God's greatness and
glory, which are far more awesome than the natural wonders, you can see.
To tremble at God's Presence means to recognize God's complete power
and authority compared to our frailty by comparison!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

**Psalm 41:1-2; Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord
delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord will protect him and preserve
his life; He will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the
desires of his foes.**



THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST,

Please join hands with this ministry and pray for: Rich Kellans and
family, Amy Moschello, Michael Santarpio, Anthony Palma Jr. Joe Lakes,
Warren Wisdom, Page Parker, Janelle Owens, Brad McNamara,
Don Lambert, Janet Smeltz, Anne Marie Hess, Marie Barros, Janet Young,
Jonathan Baker.

Well my brothers and sisters, that's about it for this month's inspired
message. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule, to read the
Spiritual Connections Journal each month. May we all grow in God's Will
for our life. May the good Lord richly bless you and your family always,
with His Divine and Holy Presence!

