

Grateful To God Luke 7:36-50

Israel's Feasts

Exodus 23:14-17

Three mandatory times

Unleavened (Passover) - included wave offering of first fruits - **Leviticus 23:10-11**

Harvest (Pentecost) - included grain offering of first fruits - **Leviticus 23:15-16**

Ingathering (Booths, Day of Atonement) - celebration of harvest - **Leviticus 23:39**

Not only time they gathered to thank and praise God for His blessings

Christ's Feast

One mandatory - Lord's Supper - Studied recently

As with Israel we have many opportunities to thank & praise God for His blessings - **James 1:17**

Always Thankful

Thanksgiving Day - somewhat a celebration of harvest

Many blessings throughout our life

Familiar blessings

Food - **Acts 14:16-17; Matthew 5:45**

Shelter - **Matthew 8:20**

Measure of health - **Proverbs 17:22**

Family - **Psalms 127:3-5**

"Precious gifts that come from God, Our dear children whom we love. What a blessed privilege we have, Molding hearts for heaven above." (Huey Hartsell - Train Your Children - #700 HFW, Revised)

Material and physical blessing remember to "name them one by one" reminding ourselves of the bounty we have in our lives

Less often considered

Ability - Nation - Peace - Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom

Environment - weather, land, sun, moon, etc

Spiritual Blessings

Only in Christ - **Ephesians 1:3-12**

Father - **Matthew 23:9; Romans 8:14-15**

Forgiveness - **Luke 7:44-50; Colossians 1:13-14**

Reconciliation - **Romans 5:11**

Hope - **Romans 5:1-5**

God's word which lights our path and guides our way.

Love (For God and one another)

Fellowship - **1John 1:3**

Grateful in all things - **Philippians 4:6; Colossians 1:11-12; 3:16-17; 1Thessalonians 5:18**

Thankfulness Shared

Creates willingness to share - **2Corinthians 8:1-5**

Brings spiritual blessings - **2Corinthians 9:6-15**

Grace, Righteousness, Thanksgiving

Am I Thankful?

For all that God has shared with us.

Creates desire to share good things with others

Bringing thanksgiving in others to God!

Attitude Of Gratitude reflect a life filled with thankfulness to God for the abundance, both physically and spiritually, that He has shown us!

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