

SERMON NOTES

THE BIBLICAL THANKSGIVING

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The Original Thank Offering

I. The Thank Offering in Scripture

- Leviticus 7:11–34; Psalm 50:14
 - **Freewill Offering** — Leviticus 7:16
 - **Thank Offering** — Leviticus 7:12

II. The Portions of the Thank Offering

1. The Lord's Portion

- Leviticus 7:30–31 — The fat and certain parts belonged to the Lord.
- James 1:17 — Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

2. The Priest's Portion

- Leviticus 7:31b–38 — Specific parts were given to the priesthood.
- 1 Timothy 5:17–18 — Honor those who labor in the Word.
- Deuteronomy 25:4 — Do not muzzle the ox that treads the grain.
- Luke 10:9 — The laborer is worthy of his hire.

3. The People's Portion

- Leviticus 7:15 — The offeror shared in the meal of thanksgiving.
- Luke 14:15 / 22:30 — Eating at the Lord's table, sharing in His kingdom.

III. Eucharist — Thanksgiving (*"Eucharisteo"* (Greek): To give thanks)

- Matthew 26:27 — Jesus gave thanks at the Last Supper.
- 1 Corinthians 11:24 — Paul recounts Jesus giving thanks.
- John 6:11 — Jesus gave thanks before the miracle of multiplication.

IV. The Peace Offering Connection

- Ephesians 2:14 — Christ is our peace.
- Colossians 1:20 — Peace through the blood of His cross.
- Psalm 85:10 — Mercy and truth meet; righteousness and peace kiss.
- Romans 5:1 — Justified by faith, we have peace with God.
- Philippians 4:7, 9 — The peace of God guards our hearts.

V. Darkness vs. Thanksgiving

- Romans 1:21 — They did not glorify God or give thanks.
- 2 Timothy 3:1–5 — The last days marked by ingratitude.

VI. Redeemed to Give Thanks

- 1 Peter 2:9 — Called to proclaim His praises.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 — Give thanks in everything.
- Ephesians 5:20 — Giving thanks always for all things.