***Scriptural Devotional ~ Happy Thanksgiving ~ 2024***

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***Great Scriptures to Read on Thanksgiving***

(And every day of the year)

* **Psalm 103:1-5,10-14:** “Bless the Lord, O’ my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord O’ my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving- kindness towards those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the West so far has, He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust. As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place knowledge of it no longer period but the loving kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children.”
* **Psalm 116: (selections)** “I love the Lord because He hears my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live. The chords of death encompassed me, and I found distress and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: O’ Lord, I beseech you, save my life! Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is compassionate. What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. To you, O’ Lord, I shall offer a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.”
* **Psalm 100:** “Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good his loving kindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.”
* **Psalm 145:1-3:** “I will extol You, my God, and my King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
* **Psalm 146-150 Selections:** “I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; and raises up those who are bowed down. He supports the fatherless and the widow He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them. Great are You Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite. Praise the Lord all His angels; Praise Him, sun, and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light! Praise Him highest heavens, and the waters that are above heavens! Praise the Lord from the earth, see monsters in all the deeps; Fire and hail snow and clouds stormy wind, fulfilling his word; mountains and hills; Fruit trees and all Cedars; Beasts and all cattle; Keep creeping things and winged foul; Kings of the earth and all peoples let them praise the name of the Lord for His name alone is exalted. Let us praise His name with dancing. For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation. Praise the Lord! Praise Him in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre. Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe. Praise Him with loud symbols; Praise Him with resounding symbols. Let everything that has breath praise the lord. Praise the lord!

***~ Please feel free to read these privately or out loud at your family gatherings this Thanksgiving. ~ God bless you!***