

# Unending THANKSGIVING

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**Message Text:** Psalm 50

Asaph was one of the leaders of King David's choir. His descendants continued to serve the Lord in music ministry in both first and second temple. He was skilled in music along with David and was recognized as a seer or a prophet. (2 Chronicles 29:30) Asaph would have been personally attuned to the attitude of the worship from God's people. It was through him that God delivered a message to Israel that confronted formalism in their relationship with God. He encouraged them to live their lives in unending thanksgiving to God.

QUESTION — What does God *desire* from His saints?

## 1. A Simple \_\_\_\_\_ (14a)

*Psalm 50:14a Offer unto God thanksgiving...*

QUOTE: No gift can ever take the place of simple gratitude. — MacDonald

DEFINITION—THANKSGIVING: thank offering

*Leviticus 22:29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord, offer it at your own will.*

NOTE — Both 'thank-offerings' and 'vows' were sacrifices in which the worshippers shared in a meal, partaking of what they

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themselves had brought (Lev. 7:12; 22:29–30).

— Mentor Commentary

*Psalm 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me...*

## 2. A Sustained \_\_\_\_\_ (14b)

*Psalm 50:14b ...And pay thy vows unto the most High:*

DEFINITION—PAY: deliver up

DEFINITION—VOWS: what you owe; promise

NOTE — The Israelites were offering the expected sacrifice before God as an end, not a beginning.

See Isaiah 1:11–17

QUOTE: They were not, therefore, to come merely with these offerings, and then feel that all the purpose of worship was accomplished. They were to carry out the true design of them by lives corresponding with the idea intended by such sacrifices—lives full of penitence, gratitude, love, obedience, submission, devotion. This only could be acceptable worship. —Barnes

*Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

## 3. A Sincere \_\_\_\_\_ (15a)

*Psalm 50:15a And call upon me in the day of trouble...*

DEFINITION—CALL: to call on; to make an appeal or request for help

DEFINITION—TROUBLE: a state of distress; an oppressive state of physical, mental, social, or economic adversity.

*Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

*Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

QUOTE: Prayer is a declaration of dependance.

*Psalms 103:13-14 Like as a father pitieth his children, So the Lord pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.*

*Jeremiah 33:1-3 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying, 2 Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

## 4. A Sacred \_\_\_\_\_ (15b)

THE PROMISE OF GOD

*Psalms 50:15b ...I will deliver thee...*

DEFINITION—DELIVER: to save; to save from ruin, destruction, or harm.

*2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

*Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*Psalm 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*

## THE PRAISE OF GOD

*Psalm 50:15b ...and thou shalt glorify me.*

Definition—Glorify: to glorify to positively acknowledge, recognize, or esteem one's character, nature, or attributes.

*Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify him with thanksgiving.*

*Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

## Conclusion

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## Questions to Consider

Do I have an attitude of gratitude?

Have I become formalistic in my relationship with God?

Is my worship a lifestyle or merely acts?

Am I enjoying my relationship with God?

