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O Give Thanks Unto The Lord (part 3)

Psalms 105:1, "O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."

In our last article, we continued to write on the subject of Thanksgiving and a few ways that we are able to show thanks unto the Lord. In this effort, we will continue to consider the subject and look again at Psalms 105.

In Psalms 105, not only are we taught to be thankful and how to show thankfulness, we are also reminded of God's grace towards His children that we would be motivated to give thanks unto Him. In this portion of God's Holy Word we are reminded that God:

(1) Is a righteous and perfect judge (Ps 105:7)! Every morning that we awake and every night we lay our heads down to sleep, we should be thankful and rest in the fact that God is a righteous judge. I realize the world, our carnal nature, and the devil will often provoke the Lord's little children to sinful retaliation, but what a sweet peace it is to know that God always judges right, every time! The Psalmist David found peace in this fact, and so can we.

(2) Remembers His promises without fail (Psalms 105:8-13)! The most disappointing days a person's life is when they feel to be forgotten. One of the

most common complaints that I hear from Assisted Living Home patients is, "My family has forgotten all about me". Often people make promises and are unable to keep them; maybe never planned to keep them; or even had events come about that prevented them from keeping them. The Lord is not like man concerning this subject. God's promises are sure. God never fails His people. How thankful we should be to the Lord, Who has never let us down and never will!

(3) Cares and has a continual compassion for His children (Psalms 105:18)! When we read through the book of Genesis about Joseph, the information provided in Psalms 105:18 is not found. Yet, here in this verse we learn that, even when no one knew, God saw the sufferings of His precious little sheep. David was comforted by his knowledge of this and gave thanks unto God for His love and care.

(4) Helps and saves His children (Psalms 105:20-36)! David, in these verses, brings our attention to the manifestation of God's power that was displayed in the days of Exodus. The Lord who did those miracles is the same today (Heb 13:8) and He is able to help us in every dark valley.

(5) Is able to guide His little sheep through the paths of this life (Psalms 105:39)! David, while being chased by his enemies, would often struggle to know which way to go. In 1 Samuel 20:3 he told Jonathan "there is but a step between me and death." In every attempt of Saul of Kish, the Lord led David in a "plain path" (Psalms 27:11).

(6) Provides for His children daily (Psalms 105:40-41)! In Philippians 4:19 Paul declares this comforting truth, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Dear brothers and sisters, as David taught in the Psalms, so has others taught throughout the Bible. The Lord is good and is worthy of our giving of thanks. As you think back on your life, can you recall the Lord helping, guiding, protecting or even healing you from the infirmities associated with this present world? I can recall many times in my life when my God came to the rescue of this undeserving sinner, and because of that, I am indebted to give thanks unto Him; my Savior; my God; and my King. Amen!

