

# “Thanksgiving: Then & Now”

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## Sermon Notes

*Shout to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with joy; come before him with singing. <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep he tends. <sup>4</sup> Come into his city with songs of thanksgiving and into his courtyards with songs of praise. Thank him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is good. His love is forever, and his loyalty goes on and on. Psalm 100 NCV*

## **The Traditional story of Thanksgiving Celebrates DELIVERANCE, PROVISION AND FRIENDSHIP**

### **I. Luke 4:17-19 NCV**

... the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

**Our Thanksgiving Celebrates Deliverance from \_\_\_\_\_**

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*May you be filled with joy, <sup>12</sup> always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, <sup>14</sup> who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. Colossians 1:11b-14*

### **II. Matthew 6:31-33 NCV**

**Don’t worry and say, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> The people who don’t know God keep trying to get these things, and your Father in heaven knows you need them. <sup>33</sup> Seek first God’s kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well.**

**Our Thanksgiving Celebrates Provision of \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Every good gift bestowed, every perfect gift received comes to us from above, courtesy of the Father of lights. He is consistent. He won't change His mind or play tricks in the shadows. James 1:17 VOICE*

### **III. John 15:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> **Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.** <sup>14</sup> **You are my friends if you do what I command.** <sup>15</sup> **I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.**

**Our Thanksgiving Celebrates Friendship with \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? <sup>2</sup> If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having one mind and purpose. <sup>3</sup> When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others. Philippians 2:1-4 NCV*