

SPIRITUAL HELP IN THANKSGIVING
 THANKS giving: Thank Him And Never Know Shame

KEY POINTS

- ❖ In the increasing pace of life, some may question how we can celebrate Thanksgiving amid economic disruption, technological advances that challenge the relevance of hard-earned skillsets, and identity confusion that leaves many anxious and depressed.
 - ❖ We do so by using the acronym THANKS—Thank Him And Never Know Shame—as a model for tapping into God’s sustaining power to heal and keep us.
- Gratitude to God is a strategic entry to crisis management.**
- ❖ In 2 Kings 19, Jerusalem was under siege by the powerful Assyrian Empire. The enemy first used psychological threats to turn the people against their king and force their surrender. Then a message was sent directly to Hezekiah to break his inner spirit. But God had already told him through the prophet Isaiah that the enemy would not succeed (vv. 6-7), so Hezekiah took the letter to the temple and brought it before God.
 - ❖ The temple was where the Presence of the Lord dwelt. God promised that when His people humbled themselves, prayed, sought His face, and turned from their wicked ways, He would hear, forgive, and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).
 - ❖ Hezekiah did not manage this crisis through fear or anxiety. He approached God by recognizing His supreme authority before asking for a bailout. Jesus would teach His disciples the same prayer approach in Matthew 6:9-13 in what we often call “The Lord’s Prayer.”
 - ❖ With Hezekiah using gratitude as a positioning strategy, he was now mentally and emotionally ready to face this existential crisis.
- Your spiritual adversary threatens shame by undermining your confidence in God.**
- ❖ Just as in the Lord’s Prayer, Hezekiah brought before God the enemy’s threats. Then, in another deep demonstration of spiritual maturity, Hezekiah acknowledged the truth in the enemy’s statement (2 Kgs. 19:16-17).
 - ❖ The Assyrian Empire was growing, with recorded history telling us they were brutal conquerors. They had overcome nation after nation with the same strategy, destroying even the gods of those other nations.
 - ❖ While Sennacherib’s name alluded to his god, his message attributed nothing to that god and everything to himself. By destroying those gods in his own name, Sennacherib was positioning himself as above both humans and gods.
 - ❖ But Hezekiah recognized his intimidation as deception. The gods Sennacherib had destroyed were merely idols; they were not real. He would have no such success with the God of Israel and could therefore not undermine Hezekiah’s confidence in Him.
 - ❖ Hezekiah knew his God was greater than the enemy. That positioned him to move to the punchline of his request.
- Your thanksgiving will never be separated from God’s sovereignty.**
- ❖ “Now, Lord our God...” (v. 19). Hezekiah then moved to the point of his prayer, which parallels the end section of The Lord’s Prayer.
 - ❖ Addressing Him as Lord invokes the covenant name “Yahweh” derived from the verb “to be” and signifying the eternal, self-existent, and unchanging God who keeps His promises to His people.

KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 19:14-19
(all scriptures in text are in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ “God” comes from “Elohim,” which relates to the Creator and Supreme Judge. In between those two magnificent towers is the word “our”. So, Hezekiah is calling on all that is mighty in and beyond the universe to come to his aid in his specific situation.
- ❖ “Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand...” (v. 19). When we pray, we say, “...But deliver us from evil” (Matt. 6:13 KJV).
- ❖ In Hezekiah’s prayer, there is recognition of the brutal facts: Jerusalem was overwhelmed by the enemy. Yet Hezekiah could confess this confidently because he knew the power of the One to whom he was confessing it. His thanksgiving appeal to the self-existent God was directly and inextricably linked to His absolute sovereignty.
- ❖ “Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Lord, are God” (v. 19). In The Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “...For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen” (Matt. 6:13 KJV). There’s the link! Israel’s deliverance would confirm God’s glory.
- ❖ There’s a small but significant linguistic play in 2 Kings 19:19, where it begins with “Lord our God” but ends with “Lord are God”.
- ❖ In this deliverance, Sennacherib’s boasting over the gods of other nations would be routed by the revelation of the God of Israel as the only God over all nations. That’s why Israel in covenant gratitude with God would never know shame. And all who live in covenant gratitude with God will never know shame. This is why our thanksgiving to God is relevant today and always.
- ❖ Pressure will cause you to question who you are. It will always push you to define yourself based on your current circumstances or failures. However, your circumstances don’t define you because they can change. God in His sovereign will has made you who He wants you to be, for His glory.
- ❖ By anchoring your thanksgiving to God’s sovereignty, you increasingly recognize the purpose to which He called you, which fuels the passion necessary for life’s daily progress.
- ❖ This Thanksgiving, Thank Him And Never Know Shame. THANKS!

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Read 2 Kings 19:14–19. What can we learn about “crisis management” from Hezekiah’s response?
2. Compare 2 Kings 19:19 and Matthew 6:9-13. How does God’s sovereignty shape both prayers?
3. How can thanksgiving help us resist shame, fear, or circumstances that challenge our identity?
4. THANKS = Thank Him And Never Know Shame. How can we put this into practice in our daily lives?

PRAYER TIME
 Lord, anchor us in Your sovereignty and help us face every circumstance with faith and thanksgiving.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

- ✓ (Reminds me/Confirms)
- 💡 (New idea)
- 🧠 (Think about)
- ⚡ (Do this)
- ❤️ (Speaks to my heart)
- 💰 (Must share)

Start-up: What’s one of your favourite Thanksgiving dishes and one dish you could happily never see again?

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
 CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD

PRAYER FOCUS: Thanksgiving for God's goodness, provision, protection, freedom, health, etc.

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;
Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Calling all praise dancers! We are in need of help with our Christmas production. For more information, *please contact Sis. Kerri-Ann Dacres or sign up at the Ushers' Desk.*

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

We are currently looking for more volunteers to join the Homeless Ministry and Prison Ministry teams. All are welcome to join! For more information, *please contact Sis. Maude Chalifour.*

STOREHOUSE

The following items are needed in the Storehouse: corned beef, sweet milk/evaporated milk, sardines, tuna, baked beans, oil, toothpaste, and coffee.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Contact: Bro. Richard or Sis. Naomi Daley



FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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Rev. Adrian W. Peel

***"And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord:
'Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned
between the cherubim, you alone are
God over all the kingdoms of the
earth.... Give ear, Lord, and hear;
open your eyes, Lord, and see... deliver
us from his hand, so that all the
kingdoms of the earth may know that
you alone, Lord, are God.'"***
2 Kings 19:15-16, 19 (NIV)

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