

THANKSGIVING SERMONET



From Plymouth to the Golden Gate today their children tread the mercies of that bounteous Hand upon the land are shed; The "Rocks are on a thousand hills," the prairies wave with grain, the cities spring like mushrooms now where once was desert plain.

work the way of deliverance for him, so that now John Bunyan lives on in the immortal Pilgrim of his prison-day dream.

Our Lord and Savior glorified the Father in His glad acceptance of His way for Him: "Nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done," and He thus prepared a way for the Father to deliver Him evermore from the pangs of death and sin and us all, weak sons of men, in Him.

Let us rejoice in His way whatever it may be for us and wherever it may lead us, knowing "all things work together for good to them that love God."

Unchanging Spirit of Thanksgiving

Centuries have wrought changes in the customs of Thanksgiving day in America, but the spirit of the occasion remains the same, William Herschell comments, in the Indianapolis News. We may not go over the woods to grandmother's house in a one-horse open sleigh, owing to the fact that the venerable gentleman and grandmother have announced their intention of motoring to the city for Thanksgiving dinner in a hotel. There is not room for feasting in a two-room apartment with kitchenette, such as their children occupy in the city; therefore the hotel becomes the center of a family reunion. Dinner over, the ensemble hies away to a movie or to a football game.

All this, in broad contrast with the situation when Governor Brad-

ford of Massachusetts proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer in 1621, the purpose being to thank Providence for a harvest that had been saved from marauding Indians only through eternal vigilance and trusty rifles.

George Washington is credited with being the first President to proclaim a day of thanksgiving. The Congress, in 1784, recommended that a day be set apart for prayerful expression of gratitude because of the return of peace. Washington again appointed such a day in 1789, after the Constitution had been adopted. Still another period of rejoicing and prayer was observed in 1795, based on the many benefits derived from a good harvest and growing prosperity. The last Thursday in November was the generally accepted day for this expression of gratitude, and President Madison followed Washington's example in proclaiming a day of thanksgiving. Then the custom died out, and was not renewed until President Lincoln, 1863, called on the nation to bow before God in humbleness and prayer. The Civil war then was at its height. Every President since Lincoln has continued to proclaim the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving day, and the occasion is observed in metropolises and countryside alike, although the manner of observance may be vastly different.

In the rural districts, particularly, in the West, Middle West and South, many of the customs of the forefathers still prevail, although the advent of the automobile has brought great changes.

FOR SALE—Poland China brood sow. Will farrow in February. Roy Campbell, Lexington. 37-39

AS THE SHADOWS LENGTHEN



For all the past I thank Thee, God! And for the future, trust in Thee. What'er of trial and blessing yet, Asked or unasked, Thou hast for me. Yet only this one boon I crave— At life's brief and fleeting hour, Make my beloved Thy beloved, And keep us in Thy day of power.

Thanksgiving as Sung by Psalmist

Whose offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth Me; and prepareth a way that I may show him the salvation of God (R. V. margin). —Ps. L:23.

Thanksgiving, then, is not only of value in itself, but it makes it possible for God to do what He is all the time willing to do—bring us salvation, deliverance. It prepares a way for God to work.

Let us try and find out what the Psalmist means by the sacrifice of thanksgiving which glorifies God. He has already in very dramatic words said that it is not the usual animal sacrifices which constitute the sacrifice of thanksgiving. "For every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills. If I were hungry I would not tell thee; for the world is mine and the fulness thereof. Will I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Offer unto God thanksgiving" (verses 10-14).

And with us it is something deeper than our outward gifts God wants. So many imagine they are doing God a favor by contributing to His work, or giving subscriptions, often very generous ones, to this or that. If it is not in these outward things that the true sacrifice of praise consists, what is it? Its essence is the spirit of glad acceptance of God's gracious dealings with us. The key of life is to be found in that attitude. This is the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Instead of railing at fate, we see behind things a loving Father, at times dealing severely with His children, but always dealing lovingly. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

Glad Acceptance of His Will. So, confident in God's way, Paul and Silas could sing in the innermost prison. The groups of defenseless men and women in Nero's arena coming out of great tribulation, could sing, while the wild beasts were being loosened upon them. As Madam Guyon in jail puts it in "The Prison of the Lord":

A little bird I am, Shut from the fields of air; And in my cage I sit and sing To Him who placed me there; Well pleased a prisoner to be.

This is not merely a grudging acceptance of God's way, but it is with the heart and glorifies God. We need to be sure that the burden laid on us is of God, and not of our own negligence or folly, and we need ever to be seeking health and strength, the normal condition ordained for us of God. But when, beyond our controlling or erecting, grievous limitations restrict us, we do well to glorify God in the joyous spirit of Thanksgiving. Attitude of Glorifying God.

It is not only in trials that thanksgiving should be rendered. There is the stress and strain of a task which taxes our powers, those powers which need continual exercise to make them grow. We glorify God as we rejoice in that He has called us to measure ourselves against real tasks. We honor God when we can thank Him for the Hill Difficulty.

The sacrifice of thanksgiving, then, is an attitude to life and to God. It is an attitude that glorifies God since it gives Him credit for working sensibly, with wisdom, and according to some plan. We so often deny to God the foresight and wisdom we credit ourselves with. We should or should not do this or that because of some greater plan we have in mind. Yet when God brings things upon us, the full purport of which we cannot grasp, we so often plaintively lament His shortness of vision. He has spilt our plans and we forget His grander plan. Those who can rejoice with thanksgivings of heart for whatever He sends glorify God in recognizing His intelligent purpose.

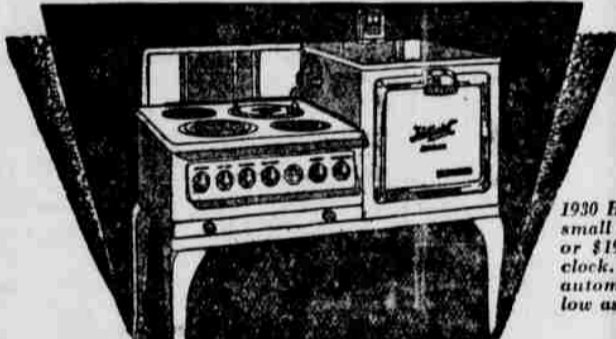
Not only does the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorify Me, says God, but it prepares a way that I may show him the salvation of God. That is if we have hearts that can give God credit for acting sensibly in His dealings with us, if we can

thank him even when there appears to those who know not the Father's care, only cause for bitter reprimand, God can work out His will through us and for us. God can show us His salvation, His way of deliverance and growth. We are in league with Him in His good will for us and for the world. Light Shines Most in Darkness.

The heart that can sing in the dark is assured of victory and deliverance. There was John Bunyan in Bedford jail. How thwarting it seemed to God's purposes for him as a preacher of the Gospel up and down the land. Shall he accept the imprisonment for the sake of God's revelation of truth as he has seen it?

"But if nothing," he writes, "will do unless I make of my conscience a continual butchery and slaughtership, unless, putting out my own eyes, I commit me to the blind to lead me, as I doubt not is desired by some, I have determined, the Almighty God being my help and shield, yet to suffer, if frail life might continue so long, even till the moss shall grow on my eyebrows, rather than thus to violate my faith and principles." And his glad acceptance for the claim of God made it possible for God to

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a meeting of the Levying Board of Morrow County, Oregon, at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, on the 5th day of December, 1929, when and where the estimates arrived at by the Budget Committee of Morrow County, Oregon, hereinafter set forth, may be discussed with the Levying Board, and when and where any person who shall be subject to such tax levy, shall be heard in favor of or against said tax levy or any part thereof.

Dated at Heppner, Oregon, this 6th day of November, 1929.

R. L. BENGE, Judge. G. A. BLEAKMAN, Commissioner. L. P. DAVIDSON, Commissioner.

Estimate and Accounting Sheet

This estimate and accounting sheet is made in compliance with Chapter 118, General Laws of Oregon for 1921, and amendments thereto, and shows in parallel columns the unit cost of the several services, materials and supplies for the three years next preceding the current year, the detailed expenditures for the last one of the said preceding years, and the budget allowance and expenditures for the six months of the current year, also budget estimate for the year 1930.

Table with columns: DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE, Estimated 1930 Expenditures, Expended Last Six Months, Budget 1929, Expended 1928, Expended 1927, Expended 1926. Rows include County Judge, County Clerk, Sheriff, Tax Collection, Treasurer, Assessor, Superintendent, Coroner, County Court, Surveyor, Accountants, Current Expense, Jail, Elections, Indigent Soldiers, Court House, Poor, Physician, Insane, Widows' Pension, Circuit Court, Institute, County Nurse, Miscellaneous, Emergency, Tuition, Market Road, Road Bonds, Roadmaster, Roads and Bridges, State of Oregon, Indebtedness, Out Warrants.

The following amounts are not included within the 6 per cent limitation and are authorized by law:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Interest on bonds (\$27,400.00), Sinking Fund (22,000.00), State Tax (77,000.00), High School Tuition (7,000.00). Total: \$133,400.00

Estimated receipts for the year 1930, other than taxation:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Interest on bank deposits (\$800.00), Fees from Clerk's office (3,000.00), Fees from Sheriff's office (100.00), 25% Forest Rentals (500.00), Motor License from State (9,000.00), Miscellaneous (200.00), Uncollected tax (18,500.00). Total estimated Receipts: \$27,100.00

RECAPITULATION

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Total estimated expenditures for 1930 subject to 6% limitation (\$133,087.00), Total estimated receipts not including proposed tax (27,100.00), Balance, amount to be raised by taxation subject 6% limitation (\$105,987.00)

Dated at Heppner, Oregon, this 6th day of November, 1929.

MORROW COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE,

GAY M. ANDERSON, Secretary.

R. L. BENGE, Chairman.