

# THANKS DUE FOR SIMPLE THINGS OF DAILY LIFE

## "Thankfulness and Unthankfulness" Theme of Rev. Quickenden at Union Thanksgiving Service.

"Thankfulness and Unthankfulness," was the theme of the Thanksgiving sermon preached this morning by Rev. Henry Quickenden, pastor of the South Boise Presbyterian church, at the union Thanksgiving service at the First Baptist church. He chose his text from the one-hundred-and-third psalm: "Bless the Lord O My Soul and Forget Not All His Benefits." He spoke of the bountiful harvests of the last year, the great cause for thanksgiving throughout this country, but showed that the greatest cause for thanksgiving was because of the simpler things in life.

The Baptist church was crowded and while the services were simple they were impressive. Several beautiful selections were rendered by the choir and the service was closed by the singing of the national hymn, "America."

The sermon by Rev. Quickenden is given in part as follows:

"Today we shall turn our gaze away from the doleful and despairing; today we shall not revert to the dangerous paths over which we have come and the tolls we have had to pay over flinty ways, and through deserts and by the bitter waters. Today we are called upon to count our blessings, not our woes, not our dismal forebodings. The minor note will be reserved for other days and other places. This house for us today is the house of praise, one part of which shall be thanksgiving. And if God shall only be pleased to attune our discordant souls there shall be with us at this season the note of harmony. Grateful retrospect will be ours and looking forward into the unknown days and unknown ways, we shall enter them with faith and hope, knowing that the same God who has led us hitherto shall still lead on o'er moor and fen o'er crag and torrent till the night is done."

"This was the faith of Newman in God's goodness and this, too, please God, shall be our faith also. We have not traveled the future, but God has, and He will be the same God he was to his people in their yesterdays. The years to come are His, not ours; and in the hands of a bountiful and gracious God we can safely and thankfully and confidently place our destiny. The past has been well with us even though perchance the hand of discipline may have been upon us for our good."

"Then, banished be our cares, be gone

our piteous questioning of the ways of God which full oft we cannot understand. Cast into the dark oblivion of forgetfulness even be our forgiven sins. Let bickering and jealousy die out today; let crimination and recrimination be forgot amongst us as becometh citizen of the Kingdom of God or of the nation. Let gratitude be unconfined and the joy of God's goodness experienced lead us where His goodness always tends to lead—into the wholesome fields of repentance. Yes, "Bless the Lord O My Soul, and Forget Not All His Benefits."

**The Country's History.**  
"Shall we not thank God for the early history of our country? Who that reads aught cannot see His hand in it all? Well does one writer call us Providential America. After the discovery of this land in 1492 God withheld its settlement till 1620, until He had had time to prepare a people vitualized with religion and had opened up the Book to all Europe and England. Then came our first real settlers, the Pilgrims in the Mayflower. 'Not as the conqueror comes They the true hearted came Not with the roll of the stirring drums Not the trumpet that speaks of fame."

Not as the flying come— In silence and in fear. They shook the depths of the desert gloom With their hymns of lofty cheer.

Amidst the storm they sang; And the stars heard, and the sea, And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang To the anthems of the free.

What sought they thus afar? Bright jewels of the mine? The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? They sought a faith's pure shrine.

Aye, call it holy ground, The land where first they trod. They left unstained what there they found, Freedom to worship God."

"These were the people that gave us this Thanksgiving service. They had grace enough to thank God that for the winter they had a peck of corn apiece. Such thanksgiving puts us to shame. But what is more by far, they gave us the truth that Jesus Christ alone is the head of the church, that the Bible is the sole rule of faith and practice, that the church is an independent organization ruled by the people under God. They were anxious about the training of their children in the ways of God, and they were eager to spread the gospel to remote parts. Of much the same sort were the Puritans, the Hollanders, the Scotch and the Huguenots. From 1629 to 1640 26,000 Puritans came from England. Then for 150 years or till 1790 New England received very few by immigration. Here again the hand of Providence was at work. The intervening period gave this godly element on our eastern shores time to increase unto a sturdy race of liberty-loving and God-fearing people who should later move at His command westward in groups. These groups became, wherever they settled, the salt and light of the diverse ele-

ments who also found their way westward.

**Leaders for Every Crisis.**  
"We thank God also for great leaders raised up at every crisis of our country by unthought of means and from unsuspected sources. No nation has a nobler figure in the forefront of its history than had ours in George Washington. When up through poverty and sorrow Abraham Lincoln came to be the savior of his country, none but God would have chosen such a pathway to such a power. The influence of these early settlers and these great leaders abides. Others have labored and we have entered into their labors. Is it not fitting that we shall not only mention their names and services but that we shall also render to our day and generation a service, godly, patriotic and unselfish that shall not leave the genuineness of our gratitude to be questioned?"

"We cannot forget our gratitude to God, for the benefits of the year that is just past. His paths do indeed drop fatness. Almost everywhere the bounty of the field has been phenomenal. Of wheat and corn and oats and cotton and fruit and hay the yield has rarely been exceeded. Add to this the returning prosperity of shop and factory which has cheered many a wage earner. Then think of the happy passing of our presidential and other elections. On election night I purposely went to most of the large assemblages of people who were awaiting the returns. It was a sight to inspire thanksgiving that no matter what result was indicated the people of diverse parties were good humored, hopeful and confident in the future of our country. What was true of our city was true of this whole wide country. Who has led us to this marvel of brotherhood and stability?"

"The Christian especially will thank God for the widening opportunities for doing good by the American church and the American government in the new republic of China. This constitutes a great deal for a thanksgiving as well as a thanksgiving people."

**The Common Things.**  
"But after all is said about special bounties and mercies, it still remains as the greater thing to say that the common and the simple things of life constitute our greatest cause for thanksgiving. The exceptional and the unusual impress us as causes for thanksgiving and our dull hearts seem to say that if God's gifts were less common and less universal we would praise Him more. The value of the simple and the common was impressed upon me by a visit to the Anacondas smelter. What man had brought together there had cost the corporation \$5,000,000. Few of them saw in the smelter that what was of most value to them had cost them nothing and could not be bought at any price. One great helper that cost them naught was the law of gravity. For power, somewhere from the air, they gathered electricity, the original cost of which is a thank-you to God. Water was indispensable and was demanded in large quantities for their processes, and there it came gurgling down the side of a mountain where God had caused the spring to burst forth without money and without price. The laws of chem-

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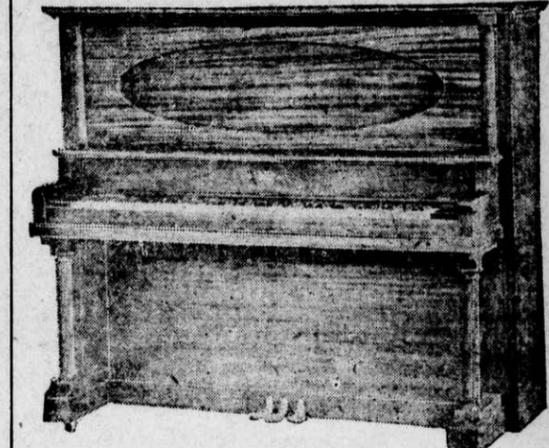
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### Causes of Ingratitude.

"May it not be worth while for us to inquire the causes of this widespread ingratitude to God? We ourselves are greatly the losers because of our unthankfulness.

"Canon Liddon has given us an analysis of the inquiry and gives me the three reasons which I present to you. "The first reason for thankfulness is in hiding behind His secondary causes, behind the winds, the rain, the laws of gravity, the skill of physicians, behind remedial and supplying agencies that can be effective and operative only with His blessing. Behind all that is beneficent is the Father's will.

"The second reason is that we do not see the value of His gifts. Only one leper out of 10 returned to thank Christ for the healing that came to him as he journeyed away from Christ. The other nine probably thought that even though they had received the coveted health, still as they looked about it was only what the great majority of their fellow countrymen had. But shall we let the universality of God's beneficence make us into ingrates. The few who were saved from the Titanic gave devout thanks for their salvation from a watery grave. They forgot to give thanks on former

occasions when they with thousands aboard had been kept safe to the harbor landing. So do we treat God when He makes His good gifts universal. They seem cheap to us because they are common and universal. Do we compel God to give less in order to make us grateful and appreciative?

"A third reason is that we do not see the use of giving thanks. It does not on the surface appeal to the utilitarian within us. We can see the use of prayer. We want something and we can have it by asking God for it. But after we have received His gifts what is the use or profit to us in expressing our gratitude. God does not want to be paid for His bounty by our poor thanks.

"But there is a good that comes to us through the habit of thankfulness. As Liddon remarks, 'Thankfulness is the frank acknowledgement of truth.' A man develops his real manhood only as he readily acknowledges every truth that is related to his life. Thankfulness is recognition of a debt we owe to God for the blessings of the past. Paul tells us that the heathen heart was darkened because when they knew God they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful.' Such moral darkness comes to every man who does not learn to thank the author of His benefactions.

"No wonder the psalmist who wrote the one-hundred-and-third psalm made it urgent upon himself to 'forget not all the benefits.' He knew the proneness of human nature and the resultant deterioration of manhood. We need this day and others like it in which to cultivate this grace. The American people are in danger of thinking that they by their own right arm have gotten them these great and good gifts. We shall perish miserably from the earth if we do not look to Him for the best we hope for and thank Him frankly and sincerely for 'every good and perfect gift.'"

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