

In verses 16- 24 God is thanked for leading Israel safely through the desert and defeating their enemies. How has God led and protected you?

God never forgot the Children of Israel's dependence on Him, providing land and food (v. 21-25). How has God provided for your family's needs?

The refrain in this psalm emphasizes the enduring nature of God's love. How has God endured in His love toward us? What ways have you found to express your thankfulness to God for His enduring love for you?

REFLECT

Rob quoted Abraham Lincoln on the danger of self-reliance and the need for a time of thanksgiving. Why is self-reliance dangerous? How does gratitude grow us?

RESPOND

Model your time of prayer on Psalm 136. As each person thanks God for Who He is and what He has done, reply in unison, "His love endures forever."

thanksgiving2009

OUTLOOK
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
outlookchurch.org
317.335.6815

thanksgiving2009

Thanksgiving is so much more than once-a-year holiday we chose to celebrate; it's a lifestyle and a character we chose to cultivate.

thankful living = relying on God and not ourselves

Psalm 16 (page 373)

¹ Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing"

On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued the first national Thanksgiving proclamation:
"We have forgotten the gracious Hand, which preserved us in peace and multiplied and strengthened us; and vainly imagined all these blessings were produced by some superior virtue or wisdom of our own. Intoxicated by unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity for redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us."

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

thankful living = counting your blessings

Psalm 16

⁵ LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup;
you have made my lot secure.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in
pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Eric Hoffer
"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings."

november 29, 2009

outlook christian church

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

How few people there are who truly realize what they have.

thankful living = a fitting way to praise God

Psalm 16

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices...

Luke 17:11-19 (page 717)

¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

Colossians 3:16

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

MY THANKSLIVING LIST

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

thanksgiving2009

life group study

RELATE

What is your favorite holiday movie?

Share a time you experienced a deep sense of gratitude. What brought it about?

What principle, insight, idea or quote was meaningful to you from this week's sermon?

READ

Psalm 136

This psalm is designed to be read aloud during worship. Have various people read each verse and the rest respond with "His love endures forever."

This psalm opens thanking God for His character and identity (v. 1-3). What are they? What about God's eminence, love and goodness do you most appreciate?

What great wonders of creation are most awesome and meaningful to you (v. 5-9)? How much attention do you pay to nature?

God freed Israel from slavery in Egypt through many miraculous demonstrations (v. 10-15). Are there more recent liberation movements you see God's hand orchestrating? How has God liberated you?