

Subject: THANKSGIVING 2011
November 24, 2011
The Message

Psalm 95:1-2

1 Come, let's shout praises to God, raise the roof for the Rock who saved us! **2** Let's march into his presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns!

Psalm 147:1

1 Hallelujah! It's a good thing to sing praise to our God; praise is beautiful, praise is fitting.

Psalm 147:3

3 He heals the heartbroken and bandages their wounds.

Psalm 147:5

5 Our Lord is great, with limitless strength; we'll never comprehend what he knows and does

Psalm 147:7-8

7 Sing to God a thanksgiving hymn, play music on your instruments to God, **8** Who fills the sky with clouds, preparing rain for the earth, Then turning the mountains green with grass,

Psalm 147:13-15

13 He made your city secure, he blessed your children among you. **14** He keeps the peace at your borders, he puts the best bread on your tables. **15** He launches his promises earthward - how swift and sure they come!

Psalm 147:20

20 He never did this to the other nations; they never heard such commands. Hallelujah!

Psalm 105:1-3

1 Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to him by name! Tell everyone you meet what he has done! **2** Sing him songs, belt out hymns, translate his wonders into music! **3** Honor his holy name with Hallelujahs, you who seek God. Live a happy life!

Psalm 105:5

5 Remember the world of wonders he has made, his miracles, and the verdicts he's rendered -

Psalm 95:2

2 Let's march into his presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns!

Deuteronomy 28:12

12 God will throw open the doors of his sky vaults and pour rain on your land on schedule and bless the work you take in hand. You will lend to many nations but you yourself won't have to take out a loan.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21

19 When you harvest your grain and forget a sheaf back in the field, don't go back and get it; leave it for the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow so that God, your God, will bless you in all your work. **20** When you shake the olives off your trees, don't go back over the branches and strip them bare - what's left is for the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow. **21** And when you cut the grapes in your vineyard, don't take every last grape - leave a few for the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

8 God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. **9** As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. **10** This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, **11** wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

Zephaniah 3:17

17 Your God is present among you, a strong Warrior there to save you. Happy to have you back, he'll calm you with his love and delight you with his songs.

Psalm 144:5

5 Step down out of heaven, God; ignite volcanoes in the hearts of the mountains.

Psalm 144:7

7 Reach all the way from sky to sea: pull me out of the ocean of hate, out of the grip of those barbarians

Psalm 144:12

12 Make our sons in their prime like sturdy oak trees, Our daughters as shapely and bright as fields of wildflowers.

Psalm 144:15

15 How blessed the people who have all this! How blessed the people who have God for God!

3 John 1:4

4 Nothing could make me happier than getting reports that my children continue diligently in the way of Truth!

Matthew 18:2-4

2 For an answer Jesus called over a child, whom he stood in the middle of the room, **3** and said, "I'm telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you're not even going to get a look at the kingdom,

Subject: THANKSGIVING 2011
November 24, 2011
The Message

let alone get in. **4** Whoever becomes simple and elemental again, like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom.

Psalm 98:4

4 Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!

Psalm 67:1-2

1 God, mark us with grace and blessing! Smile! **2** The whole country will see how you work, all the godless nations see how you save.

Psalm 67:4

4 Let all far-flung people become happy and shout their happiness because You judge them fair and square, you tend the far-flung peoples.

Matthew 15:21-31

21 From there Jesus took a trip to Tyre and Sidon. **22** They had hardly arrived when a Canaanite woman came down from the hills and pleaded, "Mercy, Master, Son of David! My daughter is cruelly afflicted by an evil spirit." **23** Jesus ignored her. The disciples came and complained, "Now she's bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She's driving us crazy." **24** Jesus refused, telling them, "I've got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel." **25** Then the woman came back to Jesus, went to her knees, and begged. "Master, help me." **26** He said, "It's not right to take bread out of children's mouths and throw it to dogs." **27** She was quick: "You're right, Master, but beggar dogs do get scraps from the master's table." **28** Jesus gave in. "Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well. **29** After Jesus returned, he walked along Lake Galilee and then climbed a mountain and took his place, ready to receive visitors. **30** They came, tons of them, bringing along the paraplegic, the blind, the maimed, the mute - all sorts of people in need - and more or less threw them down at Jesus' feet to see what he would do with them. He healed them. **31** When the people saw the mutes speaking, the maimed healthy, the paraplegics walking around, the blind looking around, they were astonished and let everyone know that God was blazingly alive among them.

Jeremiah 30:17

17 As for you, I'll come with healing, curing the incurable, Because they all gave up on you and dismissed you as hopeless - that good-for-nothing Zion.'

Psalm 38:15

15 What I do, God, is wait for you, wait for my Lord, my God - you will answer!

Psalm 57:5

5 Soar high in the skies, O God! Cover the whole earth with your glory!

Psalm 57:9

9 I'm thanking you, God, out loud in the streets, singing your praises in town and country.

1 John 3:1-3

1 What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it - we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to. **2** But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him - and in seeing him, become like him. **3** All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

Psalm 42:11

11 Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul? Why are you crying the blues? Fix my eyes on God - soon I'll be praising again. He puts a smile on my face. He's my God.

Revelation 7:12

12 singing: Oh, Yes! The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, The honor and power and strength, To our God forever and ever and ever! Oh, Yes!

Published by permission. Originally published by NavPress in English as THE MESSAGE: The Bible in Contemporary Language copyright 2002 by Eugene Peterson. All rights reserved. (The Message Bible Online)

Psalms 95: 1, 2; Psalms 147: 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 13-15, 20; Ps. 105: 1-3, 5; Ps. 95: 2; Deut. 28: 12; Deut. 24: 19-21; II Cor. 9: 8-11; Zeph. 3: 17; Ps. 144: 5, 7, 12, 15; III John 1: 4; Matt. 18: 2-4; Ps. 98: 4; Ps. 67: 1, 2, 4; Matt. 15: 21-31; Jer. 30:17; Ps. 38: 15; Ps. 57: 5, 9; I John 3: 1-3; Ps. 42: 11; Rev. 7: 12;

Psalm 95:1-2; Psalm 147:1; Psalm 147:3; Psalm 147:5; Psalm 147:7-8; Psalm 147:13-15; Psalm 147:20; Psalm 105:1-3; Psalm 105:5; Psalm 95:2; Deuteronomy 28:12; Deuteronomy 24:19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11; Zephaniah 3:17; Psalm 144:5; Psalm 144:7; Psalm 144:12; Psalm 144:15; 3 John 1:4; Matthew 18:2-4; Psalm 98:4; Psalm 67:1-2; Psalm 67:4; Matthew 15:21-31; Jeremiah 30:17; Psalm 38:15; Psalm 57:5; Psalm 57:9; 1 John 3:1-3; Psalm 42:11; Revelation 7:12 (The Message)