

Good Morning and Welcome to Thankful Thursday,

Rising Thought:



This morning I am thanking God just because of His goodness. The more we study the Bible, one of the central concepts that continues to jump out is the **"Goodness"** of God. One of the core qualities of our God is **"goodness."** Psalm 25:8 tells us: **"Good and upright is the Lord."** Psalm 34:8 tells us: **"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."** Psalm 145:9 says: **"The Lord is Good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His Works."** Chronicles 16:34 instructs us to: **"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good. for His mercy endures forever."** And our Rising Thought today says: **"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good, His love endures forever."**(1 Chronicles 16:36) It is undeniable, that our God is the foundation and the essence of all that is good; and His *goodness* is personal towards us.

The Bible teaches us in Philippians 4:8-14,: **"whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is anything excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on these things."** So, I encourage you to think on the *Goodness of our God*, as you go throughout your Day! In every, and all situations and circumstances, *God is Good!*

Attached, please see Reflection # 20; and enjoy Pastor Shirley Ceasar as she declares the Foodness of our God.



Pray for me, as I pray for you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdPx2-B6Cto>

Thirty Day Journey

Day 20

Verse of the Day:

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your Presence? If I go to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far sides of the sea, even there your Hand will guide me. Your Right Hand will hold me fast” (Psalm 139: 7-10 NIV)

Reflection:

Psalm 139 is very popular among Believers and is quoted quite often. Normally, the emphasis is that Our God is Omnipresent and there is nowhere that we can go to leave His presence. He is always everywhere. He is always with us. (Selah)

Today, my eyes seemed to focus on the words, ***“Even there Your Hand will guide me. Your Right Hand will hold me fast.”*** “*Even There*” can be anywhere, but to know that He will guide us any where we go, is awesome. More importantly, He will hold us fast with His Right Hand. His Right Hand, meaning tightly.

The Right Hand of God, (Dextera Domini-Latin) is a metaphor for the *Omnipotence of God*, His Power. In the Bible, to be at the right side of God is to be identified as being in a special place of honor. Remember, one of the disciples requested to be at the “*right side of Jesus,*” and Jesus sits at the “*Right Hand*” of God the Father. Could it be that being held tightly in God’s Right Hand signifies protection? Protected by the All-Powerful God!

As you go through out your day, see yourself being held tightly in the Right Hand of God, Our Father. Whatever comes your way, know that you are safely and securely held in God’s Protective Right Hand.

Prayer Starter:

Father, we adore you. We thank you for your protective Right Hand. Whatever comes our way today, let us feel Your Presence. And even if we don’t feel Your Presence, by faith we will know that you are there, holding us securely in Your Right Hand... Wholeheartedly, we praise Your Name, Jesus. Amen.

