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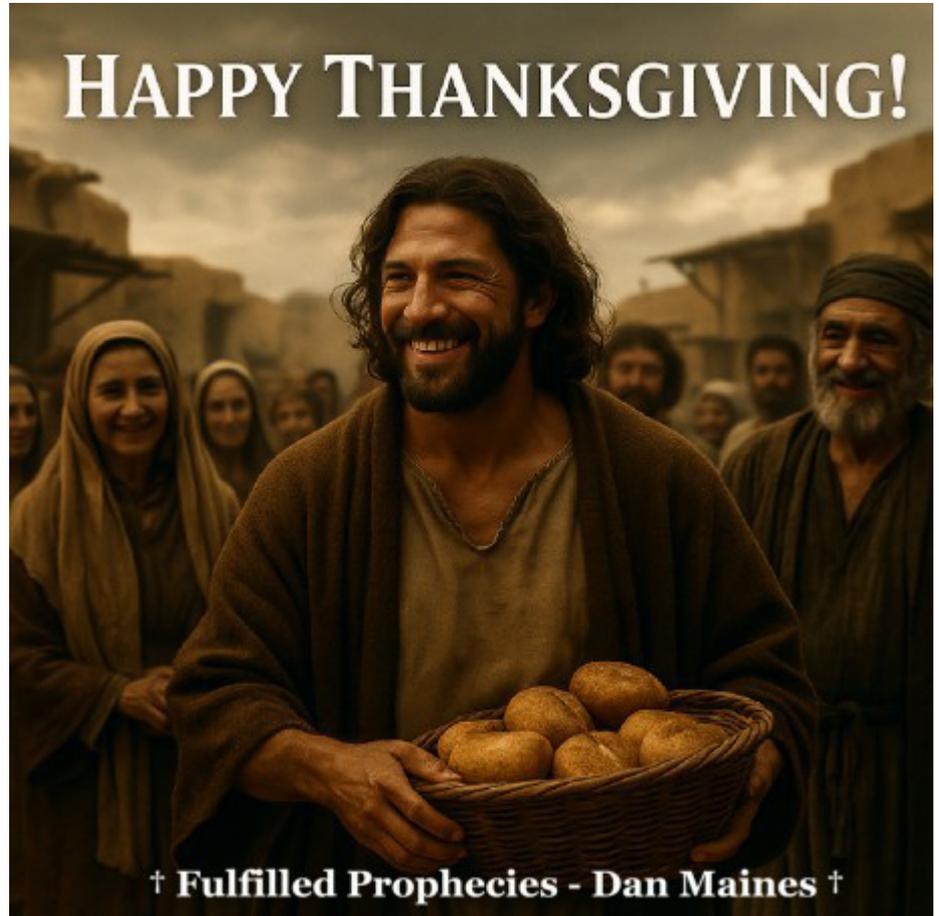
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## Thanksgiving In The Fulfilled Kingdom



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### Introduction

† Thanksgiving is more than a holiday, it's a covenant reality for those living in the fulfilled kingdom. When God completed His promises and brought His people into the New Covenant world, gratitude became the natural response of a people who now stand in His presence without condemnation. Thanksgiving isn't a ritual, it's the heartbeat of a redeemed people. It's how we live, how we speak, and how we reflect the victory Christ

finished in that first century generation.

## **The Foundation Of True Thanksgiving**

† True biblical thanksgiving flows from understanding what Christ accomplished. When we know the work is finished, when we know judgment is behind us, and when we know we live in His everlasting kingdom, our gratitude isn't forced. It's the overflow of covenant life. Paul constantly reminded the saints to give thanks because they were living in the age the prophets longed to see.

Psalm 100:4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

Ephesians 5:20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful.

† These passages make sense in a fulfilled world. God dwells with His people. We stand in His courts now. Thanksgiving is the posture of kingdom living.

## **Why The Fulfilled Perspective Produces The Deepest Thanksgiving**

† Because we know the story ended exactly when and how Jesus said it would.

Because we know the New Covenant isn't waiting on anything to begin.

Because we know death was defeated and the works of the devil were destroyed.

Because we know we aren't in fear or expectation, we're in fulfillment and life.

Hebrews 12:28 says, Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude.

They were receiving it then. We live in it now. That means thanksgiving isn't seasonal, it's the lifestyle of those who stand in an unshakable kingdom.

## **Thanksgiving For God's Completed Redemption**

† Christ completed redemption.

Christ finished the resurrection work.

Christ brought His people into the New Jerusalem.

Christ ended the Old Covenant world that separated Jew and Gentile.

Christ gave the kingdom to the saints.

Revelation 21:3 says, Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them.

That is our present world.

And that means we live with continuous thanksgiving because God is with us always.

## **The Heart Of Thanksgiving Is The Heart Of Fulfillment**

† In the Old Covenant, thanksgiving was tied to sacrifices, rituals, and temple access.

In the New Covenant, thanksgiving is tied to Christ Himself.

No temple walls.

No priestly barriers.

No waiting for promises.

No fear of future judgment.

Just life in the presence of God.

† This is why Paul constantly said to give thanks in all circumstances. They were living through the closing of the Old Covenant age, and they were about to stand in the fullness of the kingdom. We stand where they hoped to stand. Our

thanksgiving is the celebration of fulfilled prophecy.

## **Historical References**

† Justin Martyr, First Apology, wrote of believers offering praise and thanksgiving as spiritual sacrifices under the New Covenant.

† Irenaeus argued that the church offers continual thanksgiving because Christ fulfilled the promises of God.

† Eusebius described the early saints as celebrating the peace of the kingdom after God judged the Old Covenant persecutors.

† Tertullian said thanksgiving was the natural expression of those living in the blessings of Christ's eternal kingdom.

† Josephus recorded the fall of the Old Covenant system, clearing the way for the kingdom Christ promised.

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† Thanksgiving isn't tied to circumstances, it's tied to covenant reality. We don't give thanks because life is perfect, we give thanks because redemption is perfect. We don't give thanks because the world is peaceful, we give thanks because our covenant is unshakable. We don't give thanks because everything goes our way, we give thanks because Christ reigns and we're living in His completed kingdom.

Thanksgiving is the posture of people who know the story has reached its fulfillment and the presence of God is their daily reality.

## **Additional Closing Prayer**

Father, we thank You for the finished work of Christ, for the fulfilled promises, and for the eternal kingdom we live in today. We thank You that judgment is behind us, life is before us, and Your presence is our daily reality. Help us walk in gratitude, peace, and confidence as citizens of Your unshakable kingdom.

Amen.

## **Additional Closing Encouragement**

Every day you wake up in the fulfilled kingdom is another reminder that God's faithfulness is complete. You aren't waiting for promises, you're living in them. Let thanksgiving be the rhythm of your life, the sound of your heart, and the testimony of your faith.

## **Fulfilled Hope Reminder**

We give thanks because every promise God made has come to pass and we're living in the world the prophets longed to see.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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† Psalm 100:4; Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:15

† Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 21:3

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