ThanksLiving Is A Choice Psalms 95:1-11

Most people Don't <u>Complain</u> because they have <u>Problems</u>, they have <u>Problems</u> because They <u>Complain</u>...

Instead of looking at the <u>Negatives</u> in our lives & <u>Complaining</u>, let us <u>Choose</u> to look for the <u>Positives</u> & Give <u>Thanks</u>.

Psalm 95 reminds us of <u>THREE WAYS</u> that "ThanksLiving Is A Choice."

1. THANKSLIVING CHOOSES TO FOCUS UPWARD. (v.1)

- GOD is Good, <u>ALL</u> The Time & ALL The Time, GOD is <u>GOOD</u>."
- An Upward Focus Gives Thanks for the <u>POWER</u> of God.
- An Upward Focus Gives Thanks for the <u>PLANS</u> of God. (vv.4-5)
- An Upward Focus Gives Thanks for the PRESENCE of God. (v.2, vv.6-7)
- We can Come into His Presence ANYTIME!

2. THANKSLIVING CHOOSES TO FOCUS OUTWARD.

- An Outward Focus *Makes Me Thankful for God's <u>SUPPLY</u>. (v.7a)*
- One <u>Secret</u> of a Happy Life is NOT to <u>GET</u> What I <u>WANT</u> but to <u>LIVE</u> with what I've been GIVEN.
- An Outward Focus **Makes Me Thankful for SALVATION**. (vv.8-11; Romans 5:8)
- What a Reason to Be Thankful!
- Though I've Rebelled & Grieved Him often, God's Son, Jesus Christ STILL DIED for ME.

THANKSLIVING CHOOSES TO FOCUS INWARD.

- An Inward Focus at my HEART Makes me Thankful. (vv.7b-8a)
- Christians acknowledge their LIFE is BETTER because Christ Dwells in their Hearts.
- An Inward Focus at my <u>HEALTH</u> Makes me Thankful.
- If you have <u>Nothing BUT your Health</u> you should <u>Be Thankful</u>...
- I am <u>Blessed</u> indeed the world is <u>Mine</u>; Oh God, <u>Forgive Me</u> when I <u>Whine</u>.
- THE LORD'S SUPPER
- CHOOSE a life of THANKSLIVING!