

1 Chronicles 16:4-36 A Thanksgiving Feast

“So thanks again for the love in the cradle,
And all of the changes that kept me dry.
And thanks again for the love at our table,
And pattin' my bottom when I told you a lie.
For takin' me fishin' and flyin' my kites,
And tuckin' me in, yes, night after night:
To my beautiful life-long friends,
Hey, Mom and Daddy thanks again.”
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1. Finally, a Thankful Job 7

A. David's Reign

1 Chronicles 16:4-7

B. Asaph and His Relatives 37

“These are the men whom David put in charge of the service of song in the house of the Lord after the ark rested there. They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting until Solomon built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they performed their service according to their order. and his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, namely, Asaph the son of Berechiah, son of Shimea,”
1 Chronicles 6:31-32, 39 ESV

“The singers: the sons of Asaph, 128.” -Ezra 2:41 ESV

“For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.”
Nehemiah 12:46 ESV

2. Historical Thanksgiving 8

A. How far back does He go?

B. Testimony rooted in creation

C. Covenant 15-24

Remember, O Lord, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses, For they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; According to Your lovingkindness remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in justice, And He

teaches the humble His way. All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
Psalms 25:6-11 NASB

D. The Name 8, 9, 10, 29, 35

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: ‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and **you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake**, and have not grown weary. -Revelation 2:1-3 NASB

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and **His name will be on their foreheads**.
Revelation 22:1-4 NASB

E. The mighty acts of God recounted in the New Testament
Acts 2

““Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—” Acts 2:22 ESV

Acts 7

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” -Psalm 34:8 ESV

“We would believe that God never thinks any bad thoughts about anybody, and He never had any bad thoughts about anybody... God is not only infinitely good, He is perfectly good. God is never partway anything! When I say that God is kindhearted, I mean that He is perfectly so. I do not mean that there are ever times when God isn't feeling good and isn't kind.” AW Tozer *The Attributes of God*

“You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.” -Psalm 119:68 ESV

“Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all his praise?” -Psalm 106:1-2 ESV

3. Telling others about God's Mighty Deeds 8b, 28, 31

A. Prophets

"Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

1 Chronicles 16:22 NASB

B. Testimony to others

Reflection Questions:

- 1. How far back do you go when relating your testimony?*
- 2. When was the last time you shared at least part of your testimony with someone?*

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: 1 Chronicles 6:31-32, 39. What was Asaph's job? Why was this job so important then?

Tuesday: Psalms 25:6-11. What are the elements of the plea the psalmist makes to the Lord? What things does the Lord do?

Wednesday: Acts 7. What does Stephen use to defend his understanding of the Gospel? Who is he making his defense to and why does his defense make greater sense?

Thursday: Psalm 34:8. Today is Thanksgiving Day. Consider the goodness of God.

Friday: Psalm 119:68. Why does the goodness of God matter so much?

Saturday: Psalm 106:1-2. The psalmist asks a question. What is the answer to the question?