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THANKSGIVING DAY

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WELCOME !

Hymn 568 We Praise Thee, O God!

Psalm 147

*In His wisdom God has blessed the world
particularly His believers, the spiritual Jerusalem*

P: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

C: For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.

P: The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

C: He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

P: He heals the brokenhearted

C: And binds up their wounds.

P: He counts the number of the stars;

C: He calls them all by name.

P: Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;

C: His understanding is infinite.

P: The Lord lifts up the humble;

C: He casts the wicked down to the ground.

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

C: Sing praises on the harp to our God!

P: Who covers the heavens with clouds--Who prepares rain for the earth,

C: Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

P: He gives to the beast its food,

C: And to the young ravens that cry.

P: He does not delight in the strength of the horse;

C: He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.

P: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C: In those who hope in His mercy.

P: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

C: Praise your God, O Zion!

P: For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;

C: He has blessed your children within you.

P: He makes peace in your borders,

C: And fills you with the finest wheat.

P: He sends out His command to the earth;

C: His Word runs very swiftly.

P: He gives snow like wool--He scatters the frost like ashes;

C: He casts out His hail like morsels--who can stand before His cold?

P: He sends out His Word and melts them;

C: He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow.

P: He declares His Word to Jacob,

C: His statutes and His judgments to Israel.

P: He has not dealt thus with any nation;

C: And as for His judgments, they have not known them.

P + C: Praise the Lord!

Hymn 566 Christ by Heavenly Hosts Adored!

Exodus 3:7-10 and 4:28-31 When Moses came to the elders of enslaved Israel, the elders were humbly thankful for the LORD's promised rescue. The LORD had seen the misery of His people who were oppressed in the land of Egypt. He appeared to Moses in the desert of Midian in the fire of the burning bush and instructed Moses to return to Egypt to lead the Children of Israel out. When Moses and Aaron his brother spoke to the elders of Israel, the elders bowed their heads in relief and worship. ---- The LORD likewise helps us, spiritually in Christ, and physically in this life. We humbly give thanks.

Hymn 36 Now Thank We All Our God!

Matthew 6:25-34 Thankfulness for blessings God has given us is quickly lost when we worry and fret over what we do not have. The Father in heaven feeds the birds. He adorns the flowers. He cares for you, the crown of His creation. He even sent His Son for you. Do not worry. Your Father provides every day.

Hymn 360 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing!

SERMON: PSALM 139:14

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**PRAISES FOR BODILY BLESSINGS
IN THEIR SPIRITUAL SETTING**

Hymn 572 Praise to God, Immortal Praise!

Offering and Prayers

Benediction

Hymn 792 Let All Things Now Living!

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY!

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THANKSGIVING: If we could only see how many physical blessings we have from the Lord, we would indeed fall at the Savior's feet in thanks and praise, as did the one leper who was healed from his dreaded leprosy and returned to give thanks to the Lord. Far beyond blessings for the body, there is also the gift of God's merciful love and pardon in Jesus, by which heaven's doors are opened for destitute sinners. O Give Thanks!

Additional Note: Indeed, there are many causes requesting your support. One must choose. But always remember the Savior's words, "*As you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me*" (Matthew 25:40). .

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