



Ten Commandments of Thanksgiving





Americans are likely to associate Thanksgiving with the feast shared by the Pilgrims and indigenous people in 1621.



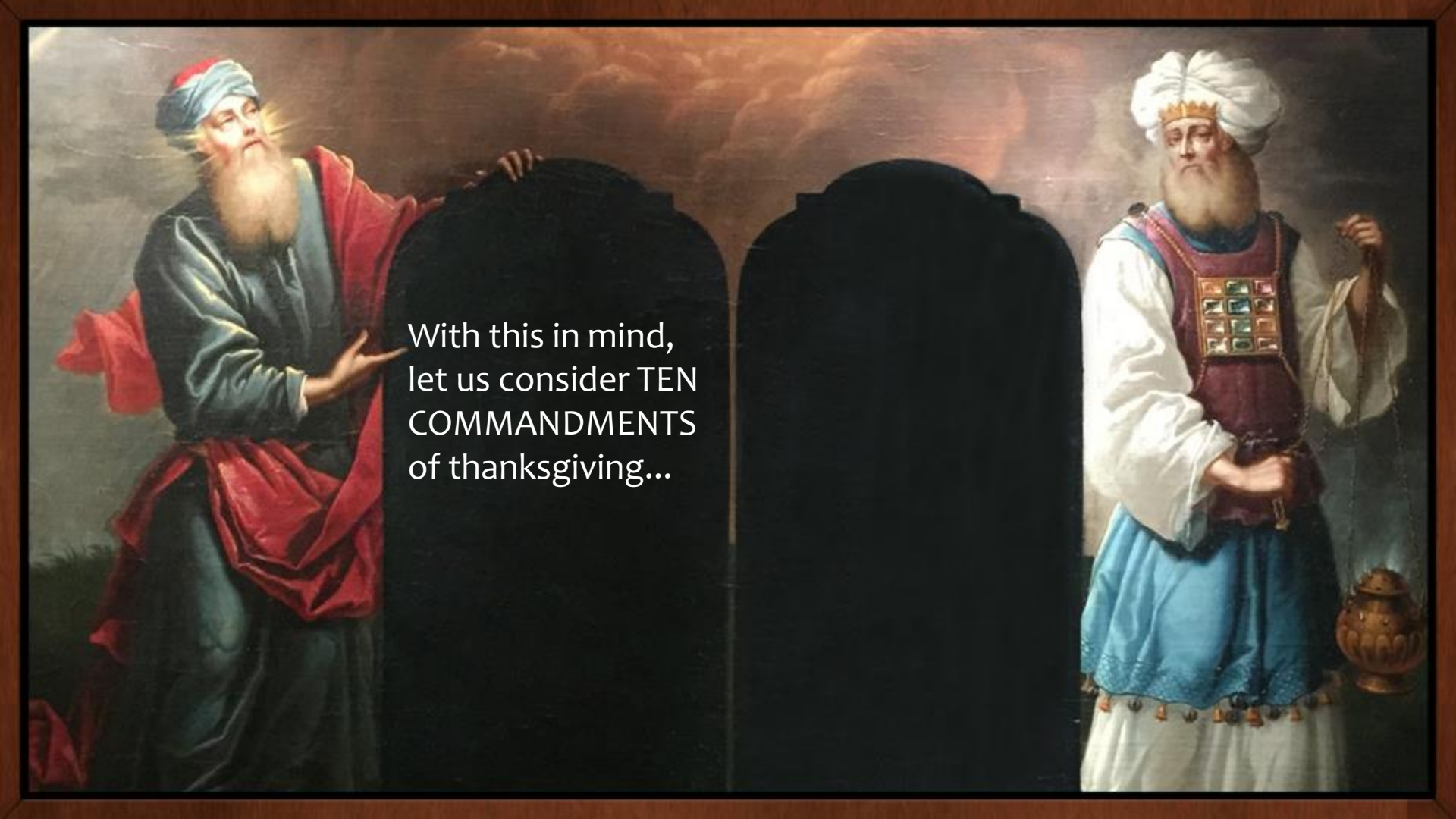
But as Christians, we know that Thanksgiving is much more than an annual celebration. For the people of God, thanksgiving is a way of life.

In fact, it is the ABSENCE of thankfulness that helps to define the carnal nature of fallen man.


Romans 1:21

²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, **neither were thankful;** but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.





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10 places where we
are commanded by
God to be thankful
(and yes, there are
many more!)



1

Thankfulness gives rise to a peaceful heart.

Colossians 3:15

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **be ye thankful.**





2

Giving thanks is an essential part of a healthy prayer life.

Philippians 4:6-7

- ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God.
- ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.





3

We should give thanks to God for our
“Victory in Jesus” over sin and death.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

- ⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin; and
the strength of sin *is* the law.
- ⁵⁷ **But thanks be to God**, which
giveth us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.





4

We should give thanks for our triumphs over life's adversities.

2 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ **Now thanks be unto God,** which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.






5

Those who are truly walking in Christ will abound in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

- ⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
- ⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving.**
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6

We should be thankful for other Christians,
because they are the elect of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ But we are bound **to give thanks
always to God** for you,
brethren beloved of the Lord,
because God hath from the
beginning chosen you to salvation
through sanctification of the
Spirit and belief of the truth:





7

We should give thanks in our prayers for God's watch over our society.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

- ¹ I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, **and giving of thanks,** be made for all men;
- ² For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.





8

It is the will of God that we give thanks in every situation.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

¹⁸ In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you.





9

There is always a reason to be thankful.

Ephesians 5:20

²⁰ **Giving thanks always**
for all things
unto God and the Father in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ;





10

Our thankfulness should be evident in both our words and deeds.

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God and the Father by him.



We are told to present ourselves before God as living sacrifices.

Romans 12:1

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.



Let our sacrifice be one of praise and thanksgiving.

Hebrews 13:15

¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips **giving thanks to his name.**





Be ye thankful



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