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**A Fresh Look at Thanksgiving**  
Give Thanks to the Lord, Part 2

Psalm 118:14–29 (HCSB)

*The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup> There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand performs valiantly! <sup>16</sup> The LORD's right hand is raised. The LORD's right hand performs valiantly!" <sup>17</sup> I will not die, but I will live and proclaim what the LORD has done. <sup>18</sup> The LORD disciplined me severely but did not give me over to death. <sup>19</sup> Open the gates of righteousness for me; I will enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous will enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to You because You have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This came from the LORD; it is wonderful in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> LORD, save us! LORD, please grant us success! <sup>26</sup> He who comes in the name of the LORD is blessed. From the house of the LORD we bless you. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God and has given us light. Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give You thanks. You are my God; I will exalt You. <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.*

**1. WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD BECAUSE HE IS OUR**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **vv 14-21**

Exodus 15:2 (HCSB)

*The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.*

- We are thankful for the times He has \_\_\_\_\_ us from our enemy.
- We are thankful for the hope of eternal life with Him.
- We are thankful that because of His \_\_\_\_\_, we can be righteous.

- Even if heaven were not our reward, the chance to be righteous is worth it.

**2. WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD BECAUSE HE IS OUR**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **vv 22-24**

- The Lord is our foundation, when the cornerstone is right, the building stands.

Acts 4:11 (HCSB)

*This Jesus is the stone rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.*

1 Peter 2:7 (HCSB)

*So honor will come to you who believe, but for the unbelieving, The stone that the builders rejected - this One has become the cornerstone, ...*

- We have opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ in every day the Lord gives us.

**3. WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD BECAUSE HE IS**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **vv 25-29**

Matthew 23:39 (HCSB)

*"For I tell you, you will never see Me again until you say, 'He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One!'"*

- The first advent was prophesied and true, the second coming is equally as \_\_\_\_\_.
- We give thanks He is the Light we have been looking for.

John 8:12 (HCSB)

*Then Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."*

- We give thanks and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord on High.

**The Next Step:** Give thanks to the Lord for what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do in your life.