

AA27. Being Thankful and Grateful to God.

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AA27b: *We are to be grateful to God.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Ephesians 5:20

.. always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

Colossians 2:7

Remain deeply rooted in him; continue being built up in him and confirmed in your trust, the way you were taught, so that you overflow in thanksgiving.

Colossians 3:15-17

.. and let the shalom which comes from the Messiah be your heart's decision-maker, for this is why you were called to be part of a single Body. And be thankful – let the Word of the Messiah, in all its richness, live in you, as you teach and counsel each other in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude to God in your hearts.

Colossians 4:2

Keep persisting in prayer, staying alert in it and being thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In everything give thanks, for this is what God wants from you who are united with the Messiah Yeshua.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Romans 1:20-21, 14:6-8

2 Corinthians 2:14, 4:15

Ephesians 5:4

Philippians 4:6

Colossians 1:3, 11-12

2 Timothy 1:3, 3:2

Related New Testament Mitzvot

FA09 Giving Thanks in Everything

FA11 Petitioning God in Faith and with Thanksgiving

FA29 Worshiping with Gratitude

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 9:2(1)

I give thanks to ADONAI with all my heart. I will tell about all your wonderful deeds.

Psalms 50:14

Offer thanksgiving as your sacrifice to God, pay your vows to the Most High,

Psalms 50:23

Whoever offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me; and to him who goes the right way I will show the salvation of God.

Psalms 92:2(1)

It is good to give thanks to ADONAI and sing praises to your name, 'Elyon,

Psalms 95:2

Let's come into his presence with thanksgiving; let's shout for joy to him with songs of praise

Psalms 97:12

Rejoice in ADONAI, you righteous; and give thanks on recalling his holiness.

Psalms 100:1-5

A psalm of thanksgiving: Shout for joy to ADONAI, all the earth! Serve ADONAI with gladness. Enter his presence with joyful songs. Be aware that ADONAI is God; it is he who made us; and we are his, his people, the flock in his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, enter his courtyards with praise; give thanks to him, and bless his name. For ADONAI is good, his grace continues forever, and his faithfulness lasts through all generations.

Psalms 105:1

Give thanks to ADONAI! Call on his name! Make his deeds known among the peoples.

Psalms 118:1

Give thanks to ADONAI; for he is good, for his grace continues forever.

Psalms 118:28-29

You are my God, and I thank you. You are my God; I exalt you. Give thanks to ADONAI; for he is good, for his grace continues forever.

Psalms 136:1-3

Give thanks to ADONAI, for he is good, for his grace continues forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his grace continues forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his grace continues forever;

Psalms 136:26

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his grace continues forever.

Comment

Being “thankful” and “grateful” are two of the most important ways that we relate to God. Translators of the Bible employ the two words (in their various forms) to indicate our profound appreciation of God’s provisions and blessings. There is a small definitional difference between the two words; being thankful is wholly cognitive, whereas being grateful adds a component of feeling. It is doubtful that the translators discern the difference so, when reading Scripture, we can consider the words to be synonymous.

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