

# Thanksgiving Harpstrings

## Praise the Lord!

Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto the Lord; neither be ye grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

## With Thanksgiving.

LET us give thanks to God upon Thanksgiving Day. Nature is beautiful, and fellowmen are dear, and duty is close beside us, and He is over us and in us. What more do you want, except to be more thankful and more faithful, less complaining of our trials and our time, and more worthy of the tasks and privileges He has given us? We want to trust Him with a fuller trust, and so at last to come to that high life where we shall "be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let our request be made known unto God"; for that, and that alone, is peace.—*Philipps Brooks.*

## Praise Him!

Praise be Thine, eternal King!  
Young and old "Hosanna" sing:  
Thou hast blessed us far and wide  
At the bounteous harvest-tide;  
Angel voices high are blending  
In the anthem never ending;  
Hear us, while we fain would render  
Praise for mercies kind and tender.

## The Personal Anthem.

EVERY human being has something to be thankful for that is personal to himself. No one else can give our own note of thanksgiving for us. There is some special word of gratitude which is due to God that must remain forever unspoken, unless we speak it. Each of us should bring, at thanksgiving time, the full measure of that personal tribute which is due our Heavenly Father from us. If we pause to consider carefully the goodness of God to us personally we will be ready to cry out with David, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" And then we shall find probably, as he did, that the greatest thanksgiving we can give to the Lord is to open our hearts to receive more from Him, for he follows that resolution with these words, "I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord."—*Louis Albert Banks, D.D.*

## Thou Visitest the Earth.

We have great reason to thank God for the fruits of the corn-field, and the treasures of the wheat, and the abundance of fruit, which has crowned the past year. God is the source of that

great chemistry of earth and air that makes possible the splendid crops that have continued us a land of plenty. The whole land—north and south, east and west—should sing aloud the song of the Psalmist: "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: Thou preparest them corn when Thou hast so provided for it. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: Thou settlest the furrows thereof; Thou makest it soft with showers: Thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness."

## Lest we Forget.

God of our fathers, known of old;  
Lord of our far-flung battle line;  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine:  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget; lest we forget.

## For Spiritual Blessings.

We have great reason to render thanks for the knowledge of Christ as a divine Saviour. We should thank God for an open Bible, for the chance not only to read it, but to extend its truths everywhere. Praise God for the open doors. Praise Him for the message. Praise Him for the messengers.

"Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,  
And you, ye waters, roll,  
Till, like a sea of glory,  
It spreads from pole to pole;  
Till o'er our ransomed nature  
The Lamb for sinners slain,  
Redeemer, King, Creator,  
In bliss returns to reign."

## Tell It Out!

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," is a good motto for thanksgiving-time. It is not enough to feel thankful in our hearts, we should bear open testimony to God's goodness to us by the praise of our lips. We know that God likes to have thanksgiving expressed. The flowers express their thanksgiving by their perfume. The birds express their gratitude by their cheerful songs. And we should make known the pleasure which we feel at God's goodness, not only by voicing it in prayer and praise, but by talking to each other about it.

## Thankful Lives.

After all, the life itself is the truest evidence of our sincere gratitude. Christ says that the sure testimony to love for Him is the keeping of His commandments. If we are grateful to God, then we will try to please Him by our conduct. The greatest evidence of Christianity is not in books, but in the cheerful, faithful lives of those who praise God by consistent conduct.