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BLESSINGS OF THANKSGIVING

It is a new Sunday in a new month! It is a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness towards us and our loved ones. A few days ago, we were celebrating the dawn of the New Year and now we are already in the second month of the year. The Lord has not abandoned to our problems. He has been supplying us with life, safety and security. By His grace, you have food on your table and shelter over your head. Your children are attending good schools and you have the basic employment that provides you and your household with the basic necessities of life. Time will fail me to continue analyzing the various ways in which our heavenly father has remained faithful to His promise. In all of this, all He requires of you is to come before Him this morning in praise and worship – ***“Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. Who can list the glorious miracles of the LORD? Who can ever praise Him enough?”*** (Psalm 106: 1-2 – NLT).

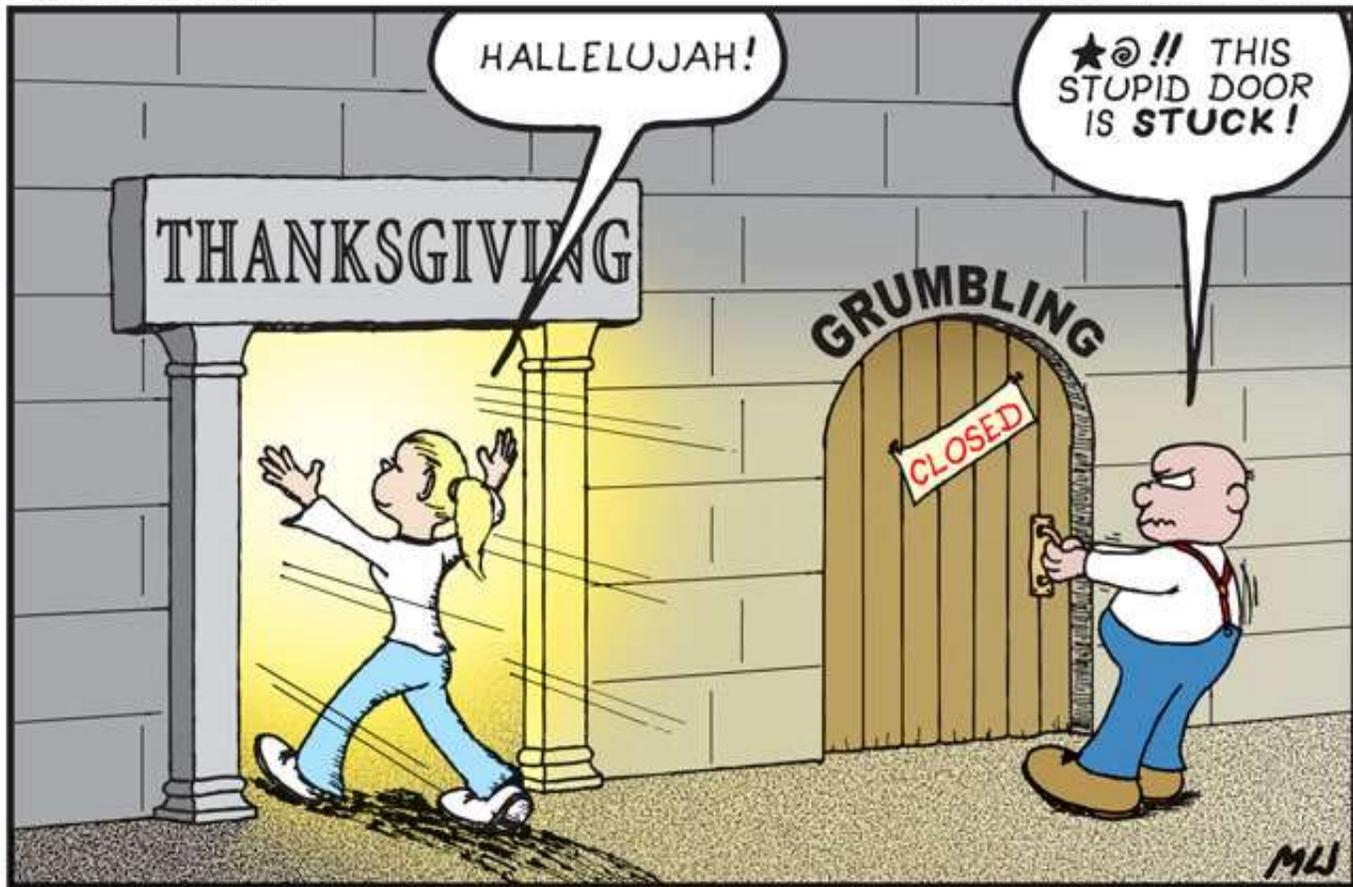
Last month, the focus of our studying of the word of God is in the theme: “Divine Direction”. Therefore, in this new month of February, the Lord is leading us to consider the various ways in which He leads us (How God Leads). There is no better time to tap into the leading of our divine “Director” than when we come before Him with praises, thanksgiving and rejoicing. Thanksgiving and praises to God is inextricably tied to victory. When we praise and worship the Lord, we will experience victory in our battles. God inhabits the praises of His people. When we praise and worship Him, His presence will descend among us and the presence of God will fill every situation that we are facing and we will experience certain victory in all our battles. When Jehoshaphat was faced with a great battle, he proclaimed a fast and sought the Lord with all his people. The Lord heard their cry and promised them victory. Then Jehoshaphat sent singers and worshippers ahead of his army. As they praised and worshipped the Lord, the Lord caused the enemies to fight each other and destroy themselves. When we praise and worship the Lord in times of battle, the Lord will cause confusion in the camp of the enemy and cause them to have a mutual destruction (**2 Chron. 26: 1-30**).

Thanksgiving to God can be expressed in a variety of ways. However, offering thanksgiving to God in an acceptable manner guarantees an immediate response from God. Solomon chose to give a thousand burnt offerings (**2 Chronicles 1:6**). One of the lepers cured of their leprosy by Jesus fell down and glorified God with a loud voice (**Luke 17:15-16**), while David showed gratitude in song and with dancing (**2 Samuel 6:14**). God responded to Solomon by giving him a blank cheque to ask for anything he wanted. The leper had a partial healing at first, but Jesus made him completely whole after he offered thanks. God was pleased with David and He established his throne forever. Each of these three received a blessing from God that was irreversible.

As we have seen from biblical examples, thanksgiving and worship to God brings His leading to us. Like Joshua and Israel did before the Wall of Jericho and Jehoshaphat when the Moabites, Ammonites, and the Meunites laid a siege against Israel, let us worship our God in the way we best understand and the God of Israel will lead us through the way to overcome the ugliest of circumstances in our life!

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Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. — PSALM 100:4 NIV

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