Grateful, Thankful, Blessed

2nd Thessalonians is Paul's shortest letter to a church. Today's devotional has scriptures from his letter organized into 3 sections, harmonizing with the thankful season we are in.

- **Thankfulness**
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15 As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth. He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. With all these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you both in person and by letter.
- **Prayers**
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.
- **Blessings**
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:10 When he comes on that day, he will receive glory from his holy people—praise from all who believe. And this includes you, for you believed what we told you about him.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:1 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:2 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Psalms 27

- Psalms 27:4 The one thing I ask of the Lord— the thing I seek most— is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple.
- Psalms 27:6-8 At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music. Hear me as I pray, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me! My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."
- Psalms 27:13 Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living.

It is such a great blessing to be able to come into the House of the Lord and worship Him with freedom and to know that our prayers are being heard and answered. It gives us great peace knowing that no matter where we are in our walk with God and no matter what season we are in, Jesus always yearns to commune with us.

This Thanksgiving season, we are grateful for the Lord's direction and authority in our life. We are thankful for the strength that He gives us to stay in His will. We are blessed with a life full of His goodness, mercies, grace and loving kindness!

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