

Gospel Lighthouse Church
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Thanksgiving
“God’s Innumerable Goodness”

Text: Psalm 71:14-16

Introduction: In reference to Thanksgiving Day. My thoughts are about God’s innumerable goodness—goodness so unlimited that it cannot be exhausted or fully counted. Thanksgiving is a time for reflection.

Psalm 71:15 reminds us that while we cannot exhaustively count God’s goodness, it is still good to try, knowing that the very act of counting leads us into an exercise that cannot be completed.

Psalm 71 is a prayer of a believer who has experienced God’s help throughout life. In verse 16, the psalmist declares ongoing trust and reliance on the Lord. The focused text is threefold in application.

1. Reflection — Reflecting on God’s goodness—v14.

- To keep expecting: The psalmist determines to “hope continually”—an unceasing expectation rooted in God’s past faithfulness.
- To increase: He will “praise more and more,” the very opposite of decreasing his praise.
- To intensify: The phrase “more and more” in the Hebrew language expresses forceful, continuous action. When circumstances attempt to reduce praise, the believer responds by increasing it.

2. Register / List — Count God’s works—v 15.

- To tell: With his mouth, the psalmist will recount and rehearse God’s deeds.
- To: God’s goodness is impossible to count; it is unlimited.
- To vast: God’s acts of salvation are too numerous and immeasurable for the psalmist to fully grasp.

3. Recharge the soul and refocus — Thanksgiving strengthens us—v16.

- Strength to advance: “I will go in the strength of the Lord God”—the power God provides enable forward movement.
- Shift in focus: Thanksgiving redirects our attention from what we lack to what God has provided.
- Rightful center: Thanksgiving places God at the center, where circumstances try to reign.

Conclusion: Give thanks today—not for circumstances, but for God’s character and His faithfulness.

Count your blessings—but remember that you will never reach the end of the list, because His goodness is innumerable.

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