



The Bible Banner

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Forget Not All His Benefits

After one of the terrible battles of the Civil War, a dying Confederate soldier asked to see the chaplain. When the chaplain arrived, he supposed the young man would wish him to ask God for his recovery; but it was very different. First the soldier asked him to cut off a lock of his hair for his mother, and then he asked him to kneel down and thank God.

"What for?" asked the surprised chaplain.

"For giving me such a mother. Thank God that I am a Christian. And thank God for giving me grace to die with. And thank God for the home He has promised me over there."

And so the chaplain knelt down by the dying man, and in his prayer he had not a single petition to offer, but only praise and gratitude.

If we think we have nothing to be thankful for, perhaps we should change our perspective.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Since the grocery store has been out of the soymilk I buy for 2 weeks, I have been very thankful for a recipe to make my own. Although it takes about an hour to cook, blend, and strain the milk, I was pleasantly surprised to find that when buying soybeans in bulk, I can save \$7-\$12 on each batch of simple, homemade, organic soymilk.



SOYMILK

(Yield: about 1 gallon/3.75 liters)

Soak 2 cups of soybeans overnight# in 2 quarts (or a little less than 2 liters) of water. The next day, rinse and replace water. Bring to a full and rolling boil. Lower heat and simmer 5 minutes longer. Drain completely and add cold water to stop boiling/cooking process.

In a blender, to each cup of beans add 3 cups water, a dash of salt and no-alcohol vanilla (optional). Whiz in the blender until smooth. Strain* for drinking, if desired. You may use pulp in roasts or patties (or as fertilizer). Cooked beans may be frozen in cup quantities and reconstituted by adding 3 cups water and blending.

Note: I have also done a quick soak on the beans by bringing them to a boil and letting them sit for an hour or two before rinsing and cooking

***Note:** I have been using Ellie's Best—Bigger Better Nut Milk Bag, but my daughter in Africa uses their form of cheese cloth to strain the milk.

PROFITABLE TRADITIONS

Cultivate Trust in God (less worry)--To reinforce the principle of turning worries over to God, take a paper bag, write "God" on it, and tape it up high. As you pray about matters and give them to God, write down each concern on a separate piece of paper. Put those pieces of paper in the bag. The rule is that if you start worrying about a matter of prayer that you've turned over to God, you have to climb up on a chair and fish it back out of the bag.

Quotable Quotes

A thankful heart enjoys blessings twice -- when they're received, and when they're remembered.

"I have heard of some good old woman in a cottage, who had nothing but a piece of bread and a little water, and lifting up her hands, she said, as a blessing, *'What! all this, and Christ too?'*" --Charles Spurgeon



Just a Drop

Editor's Note and Prophetic News Notes



"Drip....Drip.....Drip..." I waited as the water barely dripped into the bucket I was holding to collect rain water from the cistern. The temperature had dropped into the single digits already and though we had covered it, I really wasn't sure if the faucet would be completely frozen and useless. But as soon as I heard the drip, I breathed a sigh of relief. Previous experience had taught me that as long as one drop of water was still moving, soon the flow of water would melt away the rest of the frozen water. And indeed, soon the drip became a drizzle, and the drizzle became a steady trickle, and the trickle became a stream as the faucet opened to capacity. As the water streamed into my bucket, I thought of all the spiritual lessons. Sometimes we don't think our little "drop in the bucket" is making a difference, but God works on the plan of multiplication! Consider the widow's mites (Luke 21:1-4) and the little boy's barley loaves (John 6:9-13) that Jesus multiplied.



As I turned off the faucet, I considered a more somber lesson. What if there hadn't even been a little drop of water? What if the faucet was all stopped up? J. A. Wylie's description of the 1622 counter-Reformation in Bohemia came to mind. **"Stop the fountains, and the streams will dry up of themselves. Acting on this maxim, it was resolved to banish the pastors, to shut up the churches, and to burn the books of the Protestants."** (*History of Protestantism*, Vol. 3, pg. 213)



This thought of book-burning jolted me into the serious realities going on in the world around us. Recently, we got an e-mail from greenmedinfo.com* whose link caught my eye. After stating how they had just been blocked on Instagram, and previously been blocked on Pinterest, MailChimp, LinkedIn and other social media sites, they stated *"In June 2019, Google enacted their 'Great Digital Book Burning Event,' removing natural health organizations, such as Greenmedinfo.com, Mercola.com, and Kellybroganmd.com, from organic search results."*¹

In addition, BBC news confirms that *"YouTube has pledged to delete misleading claims about coronavirus vaccines as part of a fresh effort to tackle Covid-19 misinformation. It said any videos that contradict expert consensus from local health authorities, such as the NHS or World Health Organization, will be removed... YouTube had already banned 'medically unsubstantiated' claims relating to coronavirus on its platform."*²

We hear the same story from many fronts (including noticing a steep decline in our own YouTube channel's visibility). One e-mail we received recently stated that even the author's texts are now being blocked by Android and Verizon cell phones. Whether it is info from a pro-life or vaccination-truth/drug-dangers point of view or simply Christian conversion and natural health, truth is being marginalized and banned. The concept of banning information and changing algorithms (some sites losing visibility by a 99.87% decrease)³ in order to slant the information that people receive when googling something online should be a wakeup call to all Christians and Protestants. Are we repeating the book burning of the past, only digitally?

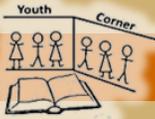
According to the Holocaust Encyclopedia, as the dictator Hitler came into power, *"The Nazi Propaganda Ministry, directed by Dr. Joseph Goebbels, took control of all forms of communication in Germany: newspapers, magazines, books, public meetings, and rallies, art, music, movies, and radio. Viewpoints in any way threatening to Nazi beliefs or to the regime were censored or eliminated from all media...on the night of May 10, 1933, Nazis raided libraries and bookstores across Germany. They marched by torchlight in nighttime parades, sang chants, and threw books into huge bonfires. On that night more than 25,000 books were burned."*⁴

One thing we should note is, he who has the truth can afford to be calm, dignified, just, and to allow others, though he may disagree with them, the right to speak. God's kingdom of truth is a picture of the utmost tolerance and freedom of speech. Through the six thousand years of earth's history, God has even allowed freedom of speech to *"the devil"* though *"he is a liar, and the father of it"* (John 8:44) in order that man might be allowed to decide for himself between good and evil. Yet when God sent Jesus—the Truth (John 14:6) to this planet, Satan repeatedly endeavored to silence Jesus by death. But the fountain of Truth cannot be stopped. Only those who forsake Truth will have broken/frozen cisterns. (Jer. 2:13) Jeremiah 17:13 says, *"O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed... because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters."*

We have many reasons for thanksgiving, because as long as we follow God, the fountain of living waters, there will always be much more than "a drop in the bucket" for us. For it is written, *"we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."* 2 Cor. 13:8 *"God means that truth shall be brought to the front and become the subject of examination and discussion, even through the contempt placed upon it... every controversy, every reproach, every effort to restrict liberty of conscience, is God's means of awakening minds that otherwise might slumber."*⁵ So wake up, and come fill your bucket with the blessings of Truth, today!

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 4-- <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/nazi-propaganda-and-censorship>
 5-- {Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, pg. 33}

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PRECIOUS PROBLEMS

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and *forget not* all his benefits.” Psalm 103:2



A young mother with two preschoolers was often overwhelmed.

One night she fell into bed exhausted and began to pour out her frustrations to God. “The kids won’t mind, the house is a mess, my husband doesn’t seem to care ...”—the list went on.

Suddenly, it was as if a voice said to her heart, “Which one do you want me to take away?”

It was then that she realized everything she was complaining about was actually precious to her. Immediately, she began to thank God for everything on her list—something she continues to do now as a grandmother.

THANK-FULL?

A man had a habit of grumbling at the food his wife placed before him at family meals. Then he would ask the blessing.

One day after his usual combination complaint-prayer, his little girl asked, “Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?”

“Why, of course,” he replied. “He hears us every time we pray.”

She paused on this a moment, and asked, “Does He hear everything we say the rest of the time?”

“Yes, dear, every word,” he replied, encouraged that he had inspired his daughter to be curious about spiritual matters.

However, his pride was quickly turned to humility at his daughter’s next question. “Then, which does God believe?”

When we are truly full of thanks, there will be no room left for complaining. “And let the peace of God have the victorie in your heartes... And see that ye *be thankful.*” Colossians 3:15 (1568 Bishop’s Bible)



10 Benefits of God’s Plan for Health for which I’m Thankful

1. It takes the guesswork out of navigating all the world’s diet plans—Through the years, I have been thankful for the biblical food guide instead of having to navigate all the world’s diet plans such as ketogenic, all raw, protein-based, fat-based, no fruit, etc.
 - a. God’s word makes clear that the foundation of a good diet is baked whole grain carbohydrates (with a little protein and a little included fat)--bread. “Give us this day our daily bread.” Matt. 6:11 “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life...” John 6:35
 - b. God’s word makes clear that vegetables as well as fruits and seeds (including grains and nuts) are included in a healthful diet. Fruit may be freely eaten. “And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the

earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food.” Genesis 1:29 (Webster’s Bible) “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:” Genesis 2:16 “thou shalt eat the herb of the field;” Genesis 3:18b

2. Unlike many diets, God’s diet truly is a happy meal that is healthful, but not made of tasteless or disgusting food. “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;... Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” Psalm 103:2-3,5



3. It is beneficial that God’s plan tells us temperance is needed to succeed both physically and spiritually. “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery **is temperate in all things.** Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” 1 Cor. 9:24,25 (See also Philippians 4:5 and the story in Daniel 1)

4. I have a sweet tooth, so I am glad that in moderation, God’s plan includes the use of natural sweeteners like honey – “My son, **eat thou honey, because it is good;** and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:” Prov. 24:13 “Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.” Proverbs 25:16 “**It is not good to eat much honey...**” Proverbs 25:27

5. I love to be outside working in the fresh air and sunshine, so it is refreshing to note that God’s plan includes green time not screen time-- “And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed... And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” Genesis 2:8,15

6. I am thankful that God’s health plan includes rest. “Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.” Exodus 23:12 “It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so **he giveth his beloved sleep.**” Psalm 127:2 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**” Matthew 11:28

7. I’m grateful that God’s word makes clear that water [hydrotherapy] and good food are a blessing given for those who want to avoid or overcome disease. “And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” Exodus 23:25

8. I’m thankful that God’s plan warns us of counterfeit healthcare plans before we have to try them. It warns of poisonous pharmaceuticals – Trying to achieve health by the means of poisonous preparations is witchcraft -- Revelation 18:23 “...for by thy sorceries ^{G5331} [Greek Pharmakeia—see screenshot] were all nations deceived.” “And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,” Mark 5:25,26 It warns of spiritualistic healing practices -- “And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.” 2 Kings 1:16

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From **G5332**; medication (“pharmacy”), that is, (by extension) *magic* (literal or figurative): - sorcery, witchcraft.

For more info watch our documentaries “Pharmakeia, the Sorcerer’s Wand” and “Counterfeit CUREncy” Here <http://www.biblepicturepathways.com/our-documentaries.php>

9. It is beneficial that God has a backup plan A if we do get sick – “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” James 5:14 ,15

10. It is comforting to know God has a backup Plan B if we die or are irreparably injured. His health plan is about salvation and “saving health” not just bodily health. Those who love Him and follow His way will receive new bodies at the resurrection --“That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.” Psalm 67:2 “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

The snow leopard is a large whitish-gray cat with rings on it. Snow leopards live in the high mountain ranges in Central and South Asia, but are rare to see. Typically, snow leopards live by themselves. The snow leopard is a carnivore, meaning that it eats meat. Baby snow leopards stay in the den for 2-4 months, but they remain with their mother until they are almost 2 years old (18-22 months). I'm thankful God created lots of different animals for us to enjoy, aren't you?



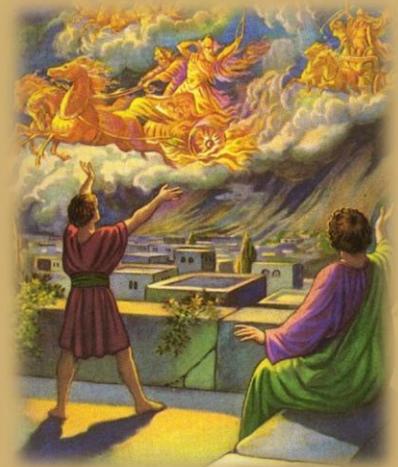
To find 8 things you can be thankful to Jesus for, use the key to crack the code below. Pay attention to the colors as well as the shapes.

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Large Numbers are not needed for success-- 1 Samuel 14:6 "And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: **for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.**"

Many of God's warriors are largely unseen by human eyes -- 2 Kings 6:15-17 "And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for **they that be with us are more than they that be with them.** And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. **And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**"



At God's command, nature also may aid and assist -- Job 38:22,23 "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" Psalm 148:8 "Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:"

Victory depends on the removal of sin in the camp-- Joshua 7:10-12 *“And the LORD said unto Joshua, ... **Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.**”*

God will choose leaders who are willing to demolish even traditional paganistic practices “in their own backyard”-- Judges 6:27 ,28 *“Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father’s household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, **the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.**”*

Those who are fearful and afraid are eliminated from God’s army --Judges 7:2 ,3 *“And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, **Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead.** And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.” “And the officers ... shall say, What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren’s heart faint as well as his heart.” Deuteronomy 20:8 (Also Revelation 21:8)*

Those who are not watchful or are indolent are eliminated from God’s army -- Judges 7:5-7 *“...and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.” “By the simplest means character is often tested. Those who in time of peril were intent upon supplying their own wants were not the men to be trusted in an emergency. **The Lord has no place in His work for the indolent and self-indulgent.** The men of His choice were the few who would not permit their own wants to delay them in the discharge of duty. The three hundred chosen men not only possessed courage and self-control, but they were men of faith. They had not defiled themselves with idolatry. God could direct them, and through them He could work deliverance for Israel. Success does not depend upon numbers. God can deliver by few as well as by many. **He is honored not so much by the great numbers as by the character of those who serve Him.**” {PP 549.3}*

In wartime, a curse rests upon those who are indolent, lazy and self-indulgent and world-loving -- Judges 5:23 *“Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.” 2 Timothy 2:3,4 “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”*

God’s soldiers will be willing to follow His prescribed simple means. (Joshua 6:1-25)-- Judges 7:19,20 *“So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.” **God’s warriors will blow the trumpet and warn the people (Ezekiel 33:3-6). Like the vessels, they will be willing to be broken (even in sickness or death) that the light of truth may go forward to the world. They will be “a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.” 2 Timothy 2:21***



Our Commander has gone and will go before His troops (those who have a pure faith [virgins] are without guile and are called, and chosen, and faithful)-- Revelation 14:4,5 *“These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are **they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth...** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” Revelation 17:14 “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and **they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**” Revelation 19:11, 13,14,16 *“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war..... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven **followed him** upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**

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