

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

TEXT 2 Chronicles 30:1- 31:21 *31:1, 6-8

MEMORY VERSE 2 Chronicles 31:2b KJV "... and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the Lord"

OR

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Thanksgiving service is a once in a year opportunity to say thank you to God for the year as individuals and as a church. This does not mean that there are no opportunities to thank God at other times. For example, some people have Thanksgiving Services when they clock a special age such as 50, 70, 90 while others just have a Thanksgiving offering. Some people also have Thanksgiving services after the burial of a loved one. This is an opportunity to say thank you to God for the life of the person who has passed on. Thanksgiving services can also be organized for people who have just gotten married or who has just dedicated the child. However, for these last two, it's not usually a service on its own, but included with the main Sunday service.

It's good to thank God regularly. It's good to remember what God has done for you throughout the year. It is said that he that cannot think, cannot thank. We think, remembering the fact that we can go to school, we have friends, we have a family, we have food to eat, we are protected from danger, we have clothes to wear, etc. That's why we can thank God. Some of you can also thank God for scholarships to school or special programs or for special gifts from people or for competitions won. Just count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what God has done. He has done so much for you, you won't be able to tell it all.

During the Thanksgiving Service many things are done which include, but are not limited to: Praise and Worship, Testimonies, Acknowledging that we are from many parts of Nigeria and different parts of the world, Thanksgiving Singing and Dancing, Thanksgiving Message, and dropping of Thanksgiving envelopes and gifts. Of course after the service is an opportunity to eat various types of food and drink, and to mix with people. A nice way to end the first part of the Thanksgiving Sunday.

QUESTIONS

1. How often do we have Thanksgiving Service as a church?
2. Mention three – five other times when people can have a Thanksgiving Service, or they can have a Thanksgiving as part of a service.
3. Mention at least three things that happen at our annual Thanksgiving Service.
4. Mention four to seven things you are grateful to God for in this year 2020. Try to mention specific things.
5. Which part of true thanksgiving are you doing in question 4? Refer to last week's lesson.

SONGS Sing songs such as *Count Your Blessings*, *We are Grateful*, *Nara Ekele Mo*.