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Spending time in praise and worship is an expression of our love to God in an understanding of who He is. An expression of gratitude from our hearts is not only important but is also essential in our Christian walk for maintaining healthy hearts.

Being thankful and expressing our gratitude to our heavenly Father and to Jesus reveals that we have revelation truth from the Word of God established within our hearts.

Christians with a constant perception of life that sees the bad instead of the good are identifying with their self-life. They aren't identifying with the born-again presence of God that dwells within them. Some believers relate to life like unbelievers who live alone without the presence of God within them.

Identifying with Jesus as our source of life changes the way we relate to life as we identify with the goodness of God found in Jesus Christ.

Being grateful and expressing gratitude is a part of living in Christ and revealing Jesus to others.

Greetings to all of you, our partners and friends!

Being Thankful

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Thanksgiving

In 1863, Sarah J. Hale encouraged President Abraham Lincoln to establish a national day of thanksgiving, and he fulfilled her request later that year, at the height of the Civil War. In a proclamation, he entreated all Americans to commend to God's tender care those who had become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the civil strife and to ask Him to heal the wounds of the nation.

Last Paragraph of the Transcript from President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation, October 3, 1863:



I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the

Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward, Secretary of State
How blessed we are that President Lincoln established our national day of Thanksgiving!

CLPMI Giving

Some of you may not be aware of this, but CLPMI gives to sixteen different churches and ministries, located not only here in the US but also around the world in places such as Peru, Mexico, and Nicaragua. When we give, you—our partners and friends of this ministry—are giving as well.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-40 (NKJV),

35 *“For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;*

36 *I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”*

37 *Then the righteous will answer Him, “Lord, when did we see*

You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

38 *When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?*

39 *Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?"*

40 *And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."*

One of the ministries we give to is called Redemptive Love Ministries International, founded by Pastor Ramin Parsa. Ramin pastored a church in Los Angeles, California, of over 200 people. Almost all of those congregants were Iranians whom, I believe, Pastor Ramin led to the Lord. When we ministered in his church, four Muslims accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. I was also able to minister with him over airwaves that were broadcast into Iran. In Iran, they have called him an Israeli spy, which was broadcast all over Iran.

Ramin has a powerful testimony of experiencing Jesus in how he came to accept Him in Iran and how he led all of his brothers and most of his sisters to Jesus. He witnessed and led so many people to the Lord that the Muslims tried to kill him by stabbing him with a knife. However, they failed in their attempt and only wounded him. His bold witnessing put his family and friends in danger, so he fled Iran, traveling to Turkey, with no passport and only a small amount of money. In Turkey, he was connected by the direction of the Lord to an underground church of around fifty

people. While he was involved in this church, it doubled in size, as he led around fifty Muslims to accept Jesus.

Another part of his testimony is that our government made him an American citizen, gave him an American passport, and brought him to America. On the way to America, the Lord gave him a warning. The Lord never warned him about all the danger he would experience in Iran and Turkey, but when he came to America, the Lord spoke to him, saying for him "not to leave his first love, Jesus." Boy, that speaks volumes!

Today Pastor Ramin is married to an Israeli woman, and they reside in Israel. They have a ministry in Jerusalem called Hope of Israel.

My main reason for sharing a portion of his testimony is that Ramin is believing to purchase a church building in Jerusalem. Here at CLPMI, we are believing to be one of many each giving \$10,000 for this nearly 6,000-square-foot building so that it will be paid for in full.

To give toward the purchase of this church building, you can donate via our website, by phone, or by mail:

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I believe that in heaven, we will see all the fruit of the lives that were spiritually changed, with so many testimonies of the Lord's goodness.

Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

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word here.”

“So good, Cecil!
Thank you!”

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