

Psalm 136:1-3 (ESV) *1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;*

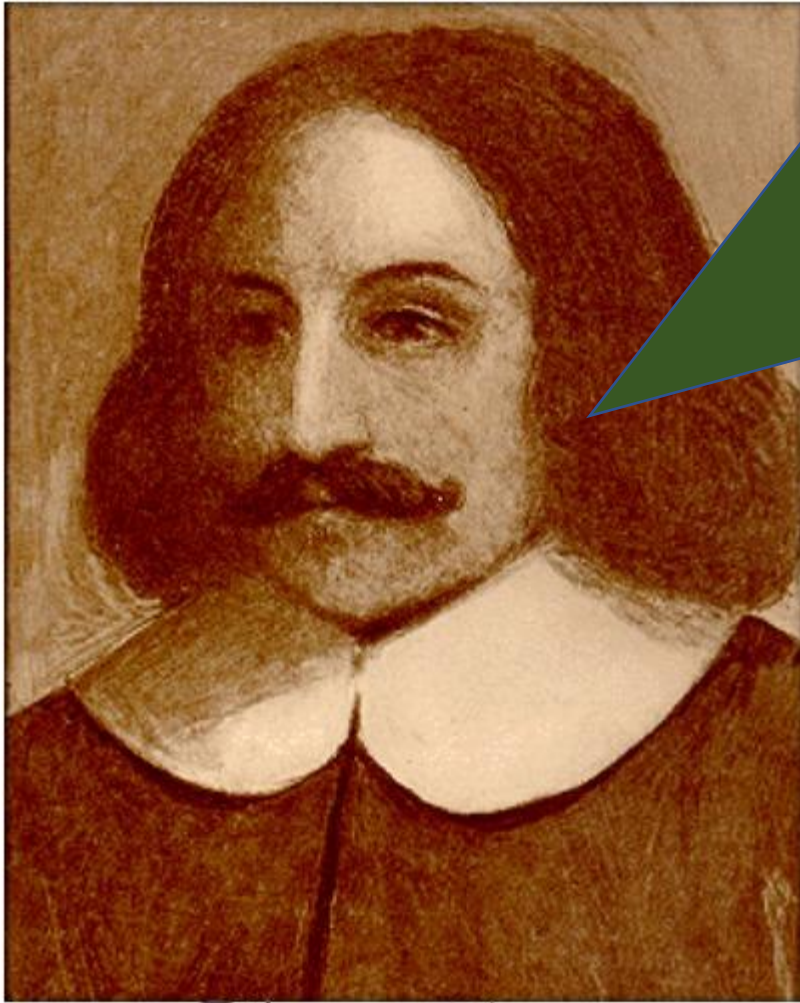
# ALL SHOULD BE THANKFUL

- Satan replied, **“In the heart of a thankful person.”**



## THE TRADITION OF THANKSGIVING






*William Bradford*

*“That which was most sad and lamentable, was that in two or three months time, half of the company had died.”*





*“Our harvest of corn came in well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn and our barley crop was also good... And although our harvests are not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish that you could be partakers of our plenty.”*



Give thanks to the  
Lord, for He is  
good; His love  
endures forever.  
1 Chronicles 16:34



# FIVE KERNELS FROM PSALM 103

- **I. THE KERNEL OF FORGIVENESS**
- *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23*
- *1 John 1:8 (ESV) *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**
- *1 John 1:10 (ESV) *If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

**Psalm 103:10 (NIV2011)**

***He does not treat us as our  
sins deserve or repay us  
according to our iniquities.***










• Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB) **8** *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*



# GOD'S FORGIVENESS IS COMPLETE FORGIVENESS.



BUT  
BLASPHEMY  
AGAINST  
THE SPIRIT  
WILL NOT  
BE FORGIVEN.  
MT 12:31

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1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NASB) *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.*

- Romans 1:28-31 (NASB) *28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;*



- Many people look at sin as **TERRIBLE SINS** (the worst),
- **SERIOUS SINS** (but not so bad as terrible),
- and “**OH, COME ON**” **SINS**.

**Disobedient to parents...**

**SIN IS SIN.**

**Psalms 103:12 –**

***12 He has removed our sins  
as far from us as the east is  
from the west. Holy Bible,  
New Living Translation.***

**Infinity.**



- Acts 3:19 - *19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;* NASU
- The word for wiped away is *exaleiphōe* (from Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament) *blotted out, erased, without a trace,*
- Louw and Nida Greek English Lexicon – *to cause to cease to exist.*
- When God forgives us – there is no trace of our sin left. No evidence it ever existed. It doesn't matter the sin –

# II. THE KERNEL OF HEALING (PSALM 103:3B)

- Psalm 103:3 (NASB) *Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;*



**THY  
WILL  
NOT MINE  
BE  
DONE**

Drink no longer water,  
but use a little wine for  
thy stomach's sake and  
thine often infirmities.

- 1 Timothy 5:23

**God not only can heal our physical diseases. He is the only one who can cure our spiritual diseases.**



# III. THE KERNEL OF REDEMPTION (PSALM 103:4A)

- Psalm 103:4 (NASB) *Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;*
- *“Governor, I just want to say that I’m guilty. I did what they sent me here for, but I believe I’ve paid for it. If I were freed, I would do everything I could to be a good citizen and prove myself worthy of your mercy.”*



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## IV. THE KERNEL OF LOVE AND COMPASSION (PSALM 103:4B)

- Psalm 103:4 (NASB) *Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;*
- Psalm 103:13 (NASB) *Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.*
- Romans 5:6-8 - *6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Holy Bible, New Living Translation.*

# V. THE KERNEL OF BLESSING (PSALM 103:5)

- Psalm 103:5 (NASB) *Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.*
- Psalm 103:17-18 (HCSB) *But from eternity to eternity the LORD's faithful love is toward those who fear Him, and His righteousness toward the grandchildren 18 of those who keep His covenant, who remember to observe His precepts.*



Matthew 7:9-11 - 9 "If your children ask for bread, which of you would give them a stone? 10 Or if your children ask for a fish, would you give them a snake? 11 Even though you are bad, you know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more your heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask him! NCV

- Psalms 100:1-5 - *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. KJV*