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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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The Great Feast is Coming!





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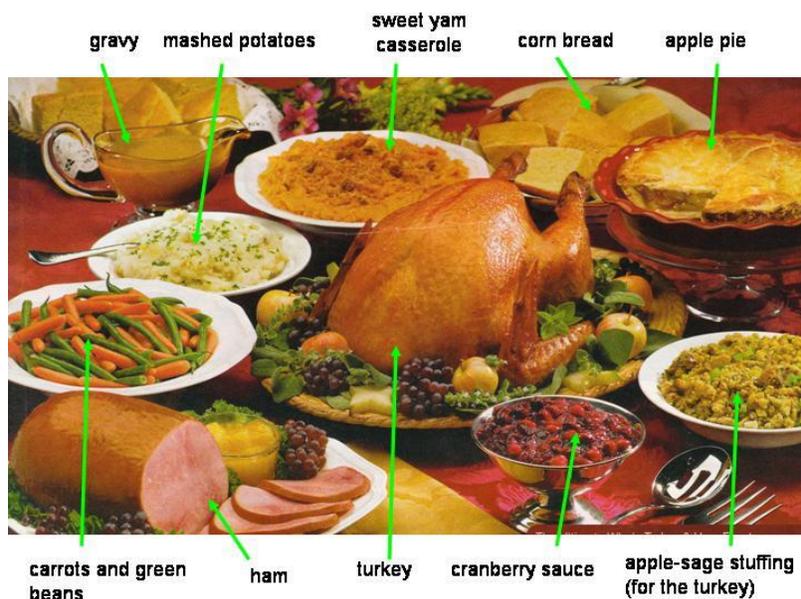
Dear Readers,

It's here again....**THANKSGIVING!** WOW! Where did our time go this year? I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is actually here!

Thanksgiving means many things to various people. For some people it is a joyful time of being with family and friends. Yet, there are those who have to deal with a lot of problems every Thanksgiving. In this issue of The Lamp Newsletter, let's travel together and look at what goes on.

THE THANKSGIVING MEAL

It takes a lot planning and cooking to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Sometimes it is hard to have the dishes that everyone wants to eat. If you are the host for this great feast, it's on you to be sure that the table is full of what your family and guests want to eat.



So, here is a traditional plate of Thanksgiving food for many families in the United States of America. However, today people have different diets and health concerns that restrict them from eating these foods. Also, people of other cultures and races may prefer other selections of food that are more common and desirable to their taste.



Family and Friends



Who's coming to your dinner? You hope that it will be a large gathering of those

you love and care about. You hope that they will travel from far and near to be with you. Yet, life isn't always like that. It is not that simple and easy to get everyone there. Situations like sickness, death, divorce, and people going through tough circumstances can change who is sitting at the Thanksgiving table.

CAN WE EAT WITHOUT GETTING MAD!

There can be a lot of stress on families to get together and enjoy the Thanksgiving meal. Families today are finding it harder and harder to have daily family meals. Everyone is busy with their own schedule of activities. Therefore, eating together on Thanksgiving can be nearly impossible because eating together isn't practiced or happening anymore.



Therefore, the stress level is very intense. Just the slight comment or expression can get out of proportion. See, families have little or no time together at the dinner table. They don't have time to be at home. And, if they do gather at the table, the social media and their phones rob them of time with their families.

Watch out for the explosions of fussing! There is a strain on family relationships.

Family Tension Arises



THE CLEAN UP!

This is what we all hate! You had a great meal, but who wants to get in that kitchen and clean it up? A lot of fussing and arguments have popped up about being the one stuck cleaning up the dishes. Some family members and friends try to leave before this part of the dinner comes along. Now, that is selfish and inconsiderate!



I learned lessons from getting in the kitchen and helping to wash the dishes. When you make up your mind to do them, invite someone to join you. It's a great place to talk with them. You can share a heart to heart conversation with them because others don't want to come in to help. Make the most of this time. When I think back to those years in my life, I remember how my various loved ones helped with those piles of dishes. We ended up sharing special feelings that I will never forget. These loved ones...have died. I cherish those memories of being together.

RELATIONSHIP BATTLES

Isn't it strange how the "family holidays" like Thanksgiving and Christmas seem to be the time when there are bitter and ugly arguments about anything? You expect to celebrate and have fun, but there are situations that can bring out some deep rooted problems or concerns.

Holiday times are celebrated or observed differently in families. His or her upbringing might be totally different or even slightly different than yours. Just when you thought that your husband or wife sees your point of view on finances, spending, visiting family and friends, going to church or doing other activities during the holiday seasons, you find out that they strongly disagree with what you expect or plan to do.



*What Do You Do
When The One Who
Broke YOUR
HEART
Is The Only One
Who Can Fix It*

One thing is for sure, DON'T MENTION... what your family usually do. You can't FORCE your spouse or date to agree with you on what you are trying to prove is right. This is a bad time to talk about these kind of subjects. If your family puts their Christmas tree up the day after Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving, DON'T TRY to make your husband do it for you when he has his own plans. The bottom line is to find a way to be peaceful and not argumentive during the holiday. PRAY!

SINGLE PARENTING

It is hard to do anything on your own. Being a mom and trying to take care of her family is an extremely difficult thing to do. It is a struggle. Help, understanding, care, and concern is needed.

A single mom doesn't need your criticism. This Thanksgiving, let us reach out and GIVE to others without pointing fingers and saying negative things to them. GIVE out of a heart of love and sincere concern for those who are hurting. Bring them food or GIVE them money to provide for the things that they want. Let this be a time of SHOWING LOVE in ACTIONS and DEEDS.



You can remove worry and fear from their lives by YOUR KINDNESS. Let others find HOPE by SEEING YOUR LOVE for THEM. God wants to USE YOU! Allow Him to work through you to bless those who are in great despair and feeling hopeless.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for your church or community outreach agencies to get involved in organizing special programs to help those in need. The best thing is to work throughout the year to provide these services for others. Seek donations from church members or the community to build an ongoing and reliable program for the needy. This will be a blessing. If you never considered this before, I pray that God will guide you to be supportive in some way.

CARE ABOUT the SENIORS and SICK



GIVE attention and care to those who are sick or feeble. Your kindness will go a long way.



GIVE some of your time to seniors. This Thanksgiving you might have to go out of your way to spend some of your holiday time to be with older relatives, aging neighbors, elderly church members or friends. Just a short visit with them means everything. Make it personal and fun. Be sure to bring them something special that they can enjoy. If you can't purchase a huge gift, a card will do. They will have it around forever because it will remind them of how special you are. Load them up with great big hugs from you. *Be sure to follow this time together with another visit real soon!*

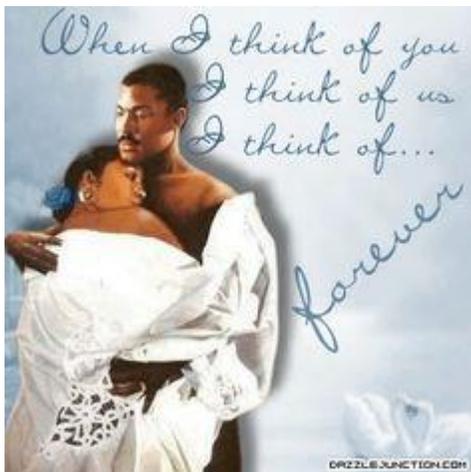
DEATH

This Thanksgiving may be the hardest time for family and friends who lost a loved one this year. It is a heartbreaking time at any time to face death, but there is something about the holidays that can make it extra difficult to bear.

With death comes loneliness and memories of the past. Grief can linger on and on bringing sadness and a feeling of emptiness. Yes, it can become so unbearable.

Be considerate of those who are hurting from the death of a loved one. Be sensitive to their feelings of wanting to spend this time alone. They might want to reflect on that loved one in the privacy of their home or space without you or others trying to tell them to, *“Get over it,” “He or she is in a better place,” “Come over with us so you won’t be alone,”* or *“You need to refresh your mind.”*

Instead, call and tell them you are thinking about them. Offer them to come to dinner or mention that you will be glad to bring them a meal. Let them know that they are on your mind and that you will continue to keep them in your prayers.

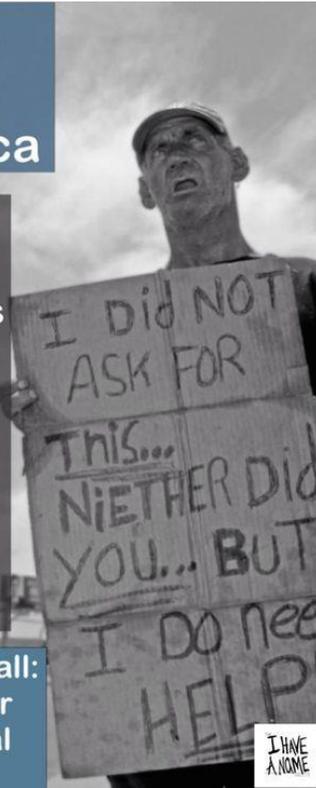


Don't Forget the HOMELESS

5 Shocking Facts About Being Homeless in America

- *1.5 million people are estimated homeless.
- *One quarter of homeless people are children.
- *Tens of thousands of veterans are homeless.
- *Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness in women....

And the most alarming fact of all:
1-in-5 homeless people suffer from untreated severe mental illness



Those who are suffering great loss and hard times might feel like there is nothing to be thankful about. However, you can GIVE needed items to them through outreaches, agencies, ministries, and churches. You can help make a difference!

The Games vs The Malls

Well, at Thanksgiving time, some things have become a tradition in many households. Some families will gather for the food and the endless football games. Now, that is a great time and way to bond with your family and enjoy your friends, too.



I am not one for shopping on Thanksgiving Day. However, it is touching to see Christmas shoppers who are eager for a good deal to get those gifts for their loved ones and friends. Some people criticize those bargain shoppers, but what is wrong with being a GIVER?



THANKSGIVING – WORSHIP GOD

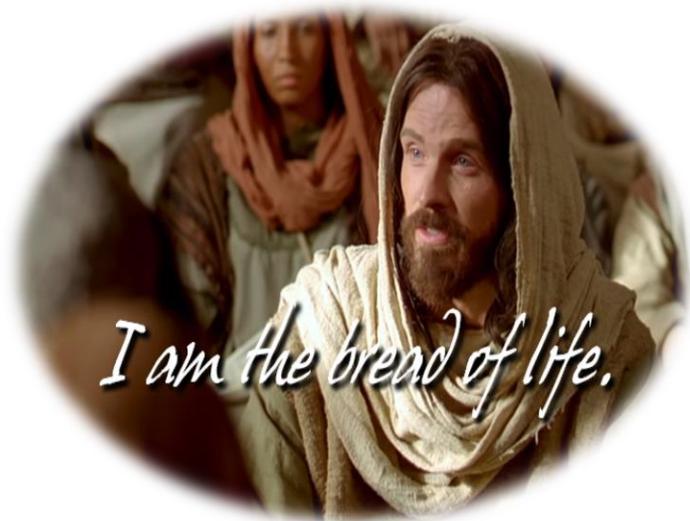
*The main thing about Thanksgiving is to GIVE
THANKS to our Heavenly Father for being the
source of all that we need in our lives.*

PRAISE HIM!

THANK HIM!

MY BREAD of LIFE

In the following poem on page 14, Author Ramelle T. Lee, our staff writer, leads us into thanksgiving and praise to the Lord. He is our Bread of Life.



My Bread of Life

by Ramelle T. Lee

*Father God, You are the breath I breathe.
Every minute of every day
You give me breathing power.
You are my constant source of life!*

*I treasure Your endless love for me.
The richness of Your Word
feeds my very soul.
A million thanks God
is being sent Your way this day.*

*I give You my love, straight from my heart.
Bread of heaven, bread of life...feed me
with Holy Ghost power from on high.
Your Word sets my heart on fire.*

*I welcome You to feed my spirit.
You're all that I need to make
it through each day and night.
Father God, please give me staying power.
You are my Bread of Life...always.*

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Michele Barnes



Michele and her late husband, Michael Barnes.
They were married for 44 years.



Shuan Barnes, one of their sons

Oh, Taste and See!

by Mrs. Michele Gardner-Barnes

My table is cluttered by the many pie pans waiting to be filled with the sweet potato mixture to become the sweet potato pies that my family loves! I'm making sure that there's one for each child to take home. This is a special treat that becomes easier to prepare as the grandchildren have now become of age. They will be here in a moment to help grandma make this happen. From the fifteen-year-old granddaughter to my six-year-old grandson they love to help!

Yes, today we will have the sweet smell of sweet potato pie baking in the oven! I don't have to worry about them tasting to see how good the pie is. However, it is my every-day prayer for my family, from the youngest to the oldest, and from here in Michigan to the hills of California, that they all will continue to taste and see that the Lord is good.

“O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him” (Psalm 34:8 KJV) stays on my heart. I know the need for my family is to be filled with God's Word more than the food at my table that I am preparing for them this Thanksgiving Day. Every day, I

deeply feel we should be excited and thankful for the food and life God has lovingly provided. Most of all, it is God's Word that I know will give them ...everlasting life.

The "*living bread*" referred to in John 6:51 has been a vision that I hope to see in each one of them before I take my last breath. Therefore, my time cooking turkey, dressing and baking pies are easy works. But being an example of the God I serve and wanting them to serve Him too, is an every-day prayer. "*O taste and see that the Lord is good*" (Psalm 34:8 KJV) I know we all share this prayer for those we love, the people in our country, and countries near and far!

MY HEART'S CONCERN

Through the years, I questioned my adult children if they really understood the sacrifices that were made to keep our family together and to worship God throughout all our ups and downs. Then, one day, I received a phone call from my son Shaun saying, "*Momma, I know you and dad were married and suffered a lot together... And because you did, I can't be around other people who want me to come hang with them on holidays...and know nothing about being a family.*"

You should have heard my heart beating so fast! My feet wanted to take off running around the house! Yes, I wanted to shout, "Thank you, Jesus!"

My son's final words before hanging up were, "*Momma, I'll be there (for dinner) because I know my dad would want me to be there to help us celebrate Thanksgiving together, as we always did before he died!*"

I told him that I loved him and welcomed him, his wife, and her family to come to the dinner, too! However, my son told me that his wife might not want to come and that she might want to do something else. I had to pray a moment to myself. But then I said, "*You can spend time with your wife and her family. Then come and be with us or however you want to do this. But make sure you spend time and share in your wife's celebration of Thanksgiving, for she is your wife. Now, her family is your family, too!*"

I warned him, "*Be careful not to judge or compare your two families. Continue to thank God for blessing you to have come from a family with a Christian foundation from your great-grandfather to me, your mother who has strived to live a Christian life. Invite your in-laws to*

come and see the blessings on our table. A table that is always ready to be an example of our walk of faith.”

My Thanksgiving table will be ready to invite all to enjoy the food of today. This will allow me to pray that they each may- *“taste and see that the Lord is good”* (Psalm 34:8 KJV).



Michele pictured years ago with seven of her nine grandchildren.



A GREAT DAY is COMING!



The MARRIAGE SUPPER of the Lamb

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GATHERING OF THE ELECT AT THE END OF THE FINAL SEVEN YEARS OF THIS AGE AT THE SECOND COMING OF MESSIAH.

The **Marriage Supper of the Lamb** is a magnificent future occasion. The saints down through time have wondered about it. It is alluded to in the Hebrew prophetic poetry. And it is clearly outlined in Revelation chapter 19. At a future point in holy history the Elect will be gathered out of this present era of space and time. They will pass beyond this earthly pale to enter into the eternal realms. After the judgment the saints will pass through the gates of splendor to enter the mansions of glory. Just inside they will come into the banqueting hall of the Great King. There they will be ushered into an experience they have never had before. It will be a love feast with their Messiah. This will be a glorious consummation of this age. It is beyond the power of words to describe. The scriptures clearly indicate that our entry way into this climactic love feast will come at the consummation, that is the very close of this present evil age.

-Written by Danny Hahlbohm



9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

Rev. 19:9

ARE YOU INVITED to THE MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB?

Thanksgiving Feasts do not compare to the Marriage Supper of Jesus Christ! What we experience here with all of our holidays and celebrations are NOTHING! They do not matter! A day is coming when we will die or be taken away in the Rapture. Life here will be over. That will be the end on earth. However, our end here is also the BEGINNING...IN THE PRESENCE of CHRIST...or IN ETERNAL SEPARATION from HIM! Don't let your living send you to Hell.

It is time to be serious about your life. Serve the Lord now! Give Him your Life!



Revelation Chapter 19: 7 and 8 KJV

⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.



Jesus Christ, the King of kings, welcomes those who have lived their life for Him into their eternal home. For those who have repented of their sins and gave up their lives to serve Him, this is glorious. We who worshipped and followed Him, will rejoice forevermore! We will have unspeakable joy! GLORY TO GOD! PRAISE HIS NAME! THANK YOU, JESUS!

*Come, all who are faithful, bring
your invitation, for I have written
it in your hearts... Enter into the joy
of The Lord! Come and sing praises,
dance for joy, and partake of this
feast I have prepared for you...*

~YahuShua



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9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. Revelations 9:9 KJV

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