

FA29. Worshiping God with Gratitude.

We are to worship God with gratitude.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Colossians 3:16 (CJB)

.. let the Word of the Messiah, in all its richness, live in you, as you teach and counsel each other in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude to God in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16 (NKJ): “with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Colossians 3:16 (NAS): “with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Ephesians 5:20

Colossians 3:17

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 50:23

Whoever offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me; and to him who goes the right way I will show the salvation of God.

Psalms 136.1

Give thanks to ADONAI, for he is good, for his grace continues forever.

Comment

Thankfulness and gratitude are similar but different. Being grateful is a deeper sentiment than being thankful and carries with it a sense of relationship and wanting to reciprocate where possible. We can express thanks for something given us without our emotions rising to the level of gratitude. There are many Scriptures and Bible translations that speak of being thankful to God for the blessings He has given us, but the CJB’s translation of Colossians 3:16 is the only one that commands us to worship God with gratitude.

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