Thanksgiving 2020 The Power of Thanksgiving November 28, 2020

My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I told them I couldn't quit "cold turkey."





from JB Bernstein



Important news from Israel

In August 2018, then-Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman announced that the IDF's next chief of staff will be someone who talks "in terms of decisiveness and victory." That turned out to be Aviv Kochavi. He, indeed, affirmed at his January 2019 swearing-in ceremony that the army "is all about victory."

The new definition of victory involves "the rapid destruction of enemy capabilities" such as

command posts, rocket launchers, weapons storehouses, enemy command levels, and combat personnel.

[That's why you haven't read much or anything about kite and balloon bombs from Gaza.
There will only be peace with the Palestinian Arabs when they understand that they lost the war to destroy Israel. This is what the Gulf states realized in the Abraham Accords. No sense maintaining forever war. From Daniel Pipes.]



Today's theme ...

Hardships this year, 2020

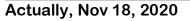
- · COVID-19
- Shutdown, social isolation
- Economic loss *
- Riots, defunding police.
- Forest Fires
- Election uncertainty
- Persecution of believers. 260 meg



[*Big companies are going bankrupt at a record pace, but that's only part of the carnage. By some accounts, small businesses are disappearing by the thousands amid the Covid-19 pandemic, and the drag on the economy from these failures could be huge.

This wave of silent failures goes uncounted in part because real-time data on small business is notoriously scarce, and because owners of small firms often have no debt, and thus no need for bankruptcy court. https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-08-11/small-firms-die-quietly-leaving-thousands-of-failures-uncounted]







The Houses of Parliament in Westminster

Hungary's government says landmarks are floodlit in red light to mark #RedWednesday in Budapest lit up in red to remember persecuted Christians who it claims to form the world's most suffering faith community. "The initiative "Red Wednesday" Nov 18, 2020

https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsma.ie%2Fred-wednesday-in-defence-of-people-of-faith-throughout-the-world%2F&psig=AOvVaw0pyAigMX6m04Se_xULZu9Q&ust=1606586705202000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAlQiRxqFwoTCKCavIqoo-OCFQAAAAAdAAAABAD

John Milton author of Paradise Lost (1667) widely considered to be one of the greatest works of literature ever written.



The poet Milton, a blind poet, said that a person with an ungrateful spirit only has one vice. He said because all of the rest of his vices are virtues compared to ingratitude.

[By 1652, Milton was blind, and dictating his work.] [Adrian Rogers on Dobson's Family Talk, Nov 2020 gave much of the contents of this message.]

[https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fadvopps.org%2Faccess-to-printed-word-blind-with-victor-reader%2Fjohn-milton-dictates-to-his-daughters-

Shakespeare said, "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child." [The title comes from Act 1, Scene 4 of William Shakespeare's King Lear]

T'hillim/Ps 107.1-2 Give thanks to ADONI; for he is good, for his grace continues forever. Let those redeemed by ADONI say it, those he redeemed from the power of the foe.

מיא מִרוֹ, נְּאוֹלֵי יִיִּ--אֲשֶׁר נְּאָלֶם מִיַּד-צָּר ...
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khesed מֶׁםֶד

kindness, benevolence; goodness, charity, grace; favor, lovingkindness

One of those intoxicating words – Hebrew equivalent of agape קַקַה Khesed

Jer 2.2. לְדָ מֶ**סְד** נְעוּרַיִדְ, אַהֲבַת כְּלוּלֹתָיִדְ,

I remember your devotion when you were young; how, as a bride, you loved me.

The root verb hasad has a primary meaning of "eager and ardent desire."

T'hillim/Ps 107.1-2 Give thanks to Adoni for his **grace**, for his wonders bestowed on humanity! Let them offer **sacrifices of thanksgiving** and proclaim his great deeds with songs of joy.

ּיוֹדוּ לַיְיָ חַ**סְדּוֹ**; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו לִבְנֵי אָדָם. וְיִזְבְּחוּ, זְבְחֵי תוֹדָה; וִיסַפְּרוּ מֵעְשָׁיו בְּרְנָּה.

Offerings in Leviticus:

Lev 1 Burnt offering. Olah

Lev 2 Grain offering. Minkha

Lev 3 Peace offering. Shalem

Lev 4 Sin offering. Khatat

Lev 5 Trespass offering. Asham

There is no thanks offering.

^{1 Kefa/Pet 2.5} You yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be Cohanim [priests] set apart for God to **offer spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to him through Yeshua the Messiah.

Ro 12.1 I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your **bodies** as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service. [G-d's prayer to man! Why should I give my body to Him? Because He gave His body for me. He suffered, bled and died upon that execution stake.

You must do it voluntarily. Nobody can make you do it. The word "present." That's the word for a man joining an army voluntarily. Now two ways to get in the army: you can go down and present yourself or they can draft you. Secondly, not only must you do it willingly, but you must do it completely. Now that you present your bodies a living sacrifice holy. Now that word H O L Y is akin to our word W H O L E "bind the sacrifice to the altar" devotion and discipline. Marriage, membership = commitment]

^{MJ 13.15} Through Yeshua then, let us **continually** offer up to God a **sacrifice of praise** — the fruit of lips giving thanks to His name.



Testimonies Roxie Lyle

"The praise list gets longer all the time! I'm so very thankful that He IS ... That His real love has provided for my forgiveness and sin debt, by Yeshua's own blood ... a freeing and life-giving fact! ... and that Yeshua continues to intercede for me. I am thankful that He speaks through His steadfast Word that is available and vital to me and that I have instant access to the Only God! I praise Him for the substance and certainty of faith, trust, hope and love, and for the Ruach HaKodesh who leads and guides, corrects & comforts ...

"I am blessed with precious biological and spiritual families - to enjoy, fellowship with, and intercede for. And I marvel at Adonai's plan that

praise is a weapon of warfare in every circumstance & issue of our life. He is so very merciful & full of grace to me! Thank You for Your plan of praise Abba! ###
HalleluYah!"

Kathi Hartog: I am first and foremost thankful that I call the Supreme-est Being in all the Universe my Abba Father and He loves me like I was his only child. I'm so thankful to be able to learn to read and that I have His Word in my language. It is a great comfort and a powerful sword in battle. I am thankful for my family. I have a brand-new grandson, Remington Hollis, a couple of weeks old. Last night I found out I'm going to be a great aunt again. I'm very close to my family – they're wonderful. I'm thankful that my sister Lori is now completely healed in Heaven. No cancer, no diabetes, no rheumatoid arthritis, no sorrow for this great nation that she loved so passionately.

"I am thankful for my Or HaOlam family with whom I have kindred spirits for worship, eternal truth and Israel.

"I am thankful for good health and sufficient energy. And for social media – while it is very frustrating, it is through that that I connected with old friends and, more importantly, those that are standing with me in this intense battle for our nation and against an ever-increasing ungodly and lawless culture.

"I'm thankful for my lovely home, my work family, music, caring friends, my 14-year-old car, running water, my stove, toothpaste, duct tape, hand lotion, money to pay my bills, restored vision, ice cream and peanut butter – my favorite foods. Those daily common mercies of G-d. "And I'm so thankful for love, hope and joy and to have all of them as a great blessing in these days of shaking that is going on – these days of G-d's redemptive discipline. Thank you, G-d."

Bill Gensky: "Shabbat Shalom, everyone. I just wanted to take this opportunity to share how grateful and just rejoicing in the L-rd I am in this season of thanksgiving. I want to start off by saying that just as this pandemic hit our nation, I had just changed jobs. And there was a very good chance that I might lose that job had our company had an interruption in cash flow or slowdown in business – that would have been catastrophic. But thankfully we hardly had any

slowdown at all, cash flow didn't stop at all or slow down at all. So, I'm 9 months into a great job that provides greatly for our family and that I personally enjoy very much. I'm so grateful to the L-rd for looking after us and just providing for us like that through this time.

"Three of our four children – all of them are married and were with us for Thanksgiving and we were just able to spend the time giving thanks to the L-rd.

"I'm just grateful for His sovereignty in the midst of what seems like a lot of chaos and unknown. I'm just also very grateful and praising the L-rd for the fact that He is steadfast with us, He is steady, He is loving. His Kingdom and His purposes have not changed and they will all come about as He has said.

"So, thanks for the opportunity to share and, again, we're just so grateful for the L-rd looking after us, taking care of us, keeping us healthy – no one in our family has gotten the virus – we'll actually, two of our sons have but they have recovered. My wife and I have never had it. We've had some close calls but we haven't had it, and we're so grateful to the L-rd for that. Thank you."

Theological background of this issue of ingratitude.

Ingratitude was the source of failure in Gan Eden, Garden of Eden.

Berigen 3.6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it had a pleasing appearance and that the tree was desirable for making one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. [They were in the ideal environment. Perfect. Why not grateful? Didn't trust what G-d said. Suspicion where they should have had celebration.

Your life? My life? Could be better, but ingratitude will kill everything we have.]

^{1 Yn 2.16} All the things of the world — the desires of the <u>flesh</u>, the desires of the <u>eyes</u>, and the <u>pride</u> of life — are not from the Father but from the world.

There are really only three root sins in the universe: sexual sin, materialism, pride. First: Sexual sin, materialism, pride are all derived from ingratitude.

- Sexual sin is choosing to NOT be grateful for life as it is. Demanding more.
- Be grateful you have working hormones! For beauty.

["I'm sooooo frustrated." All these desires. Stop! Be grateful you have working hormones! Praise G-d that "the blood of Yeshua the Messiah G-d's son cleanses us from all sin."

Porn is not because men are strong and rapacious, it's because men, some men are weak, and it's easier to fantasize with an image on screen than relate with joy and gratefulness and a servant spirit to a real female.]

Second: Sexual sin, materialism, pride are all derived from ingratitude.

Materialism is choosing to NOT be grateful with what we have.



We're big fans of Dave Ramsey here, at least my wife and I are. Rachel, Dave's daughter, said on the presentation here last year, that as soon as you start to compare your stuff, you lose. You sin.

- Either your stuff is worse than the other person, and you pout and fuss and get mad at G-d and at life.
- Or, you note that your stuff is better than the other person, and you admire yourself in pride.

She offers that the only way to avoid both is GRATITUDE.

Third: Sexual sin, materialism, **pride** are all derived from ingratitude.

Pride is praising yourself, and not remembering ...

Dvarim/Dt 8.17-18 You may say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand has made me this wealth.' Rather you are to remember Adoni your God, for it is He who gives you power to make wealth.

Pride is ungratefulness at your place in life.

Don't let that bother you—but if indeed you can become free, make the most of the opportunity. For the one who was called in the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise the one who was called while free is Messiah's slave. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. Brothers and sisters, let each one—in whatever way he was called—remain that way with God.

Sexual sin, materialism, pride are all derived from ingratitude.

- Anger is violation of my rights. Our rights belong to G-d. Tikkun. Be grateful for the lessons to be learned, character development to be gained.
- Depression [can be clinical] is often from looking at the glass half empty.



From Dr. Michael Brown from a friend: it has reached more than 580,000 people, received 67,000 engagements, including more than 13,000 likes, and it has been shared more than 7,800 times.

Surprising History of Thanksgiving

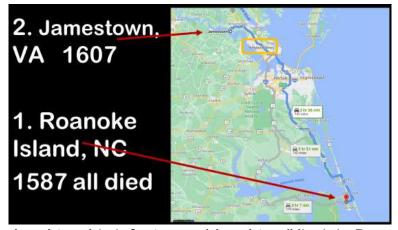




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Was a submariner 20 years. Wife Barbara. About 3x our size. Hired Micah Mahoney away from us, but called first to ask my permission. Eric is a GREAT history buff. Much more than me, and some say I have too much. Jews remember ...



"August 1587, when a group of about 115
English settlers arrived on Roanoke Island, off
the coast of what is now North Carolina. Later
that year, it was decided that John White,
governor of the new colony, would sail back to
England in order to gather a fresh load of
supplies. But just as he arrived, a major naval
war broke out between England and Spain, and
Queen Elizabeth I called on every available ship
to confront the mighty Spanish Armada. In
August 1590, White finally returned to
Roanoke, where he had left his wife and

daughter, his infant granddaughter (Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the Americas) and the other settlers three long years before. He found no trace of the colony or its inhabitants.

"On May 13th, 1607, twenty years after Roanoke Island disaster, three very small English ships (Susan Constance, Discovery, and Godspeed) landed on Jamestown Island, and established the first permanent settlement in what would come to be known as America: Jamestown, Virginia. The English settlers discovered a complex indigenous native culture here, the Powhattan Nation, a 32-tribe confederation ruled by Grand Chief Powhatan! The English were inadequately prepared to survive and sustain themselves in the harsh wilderness! By December of 1608, the English supplies were running short.

"In desperate need of food to survive the coming winter, John Smith approached Chief Powhatan in Werowocomoco for corn. Powhatan agreed to provide the English with food in exchange for a grindstone, fifty swords, guns, beads, chickens, and an English-style house. Without these provisions, the settlement of Virginia would have ceased to exist, like Roanoke!

"Later, another settler ship arrived. On December 4, 1619, after ten weeks at sea, thirty-eight English settlers arrived at Berkeley Hundred, about 20 miles upstream from Jamestowne. Upon arrival Captain John Woodleaf held the first service of Thanksgiving.

"As the newly-landed settlers fell to their knees to thank God for their safe arrival. The Charter of Berkeley Hundred stated, 'We ordaine that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantacon in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God." [Copyright © 2020 The Road to Jerusalem, All rights reserved. by Rabbi Eric Carlson.]

"While four states continue to debate the rightful claim to the first American Thanksgiving Day (the Pilgrims of Massachusetts [1621], the Anglican settlers in Virginia, the Huguenots in Florida, and the Spanish Catholics in El Paso, Texas), Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. [Tony Perkins. Many countries have harvest festivals, but none with the unique theme of thanksgiving!]

"Despite Powhatan's assistance to Jamestown, even the marriage of his daughter Pocahontas to English Explorer John Rolfe in April of 1614 the relationship between the colonists and the Indigenous peoples (American Indians) became increasingly distrustful.

More settlers poured into America while the natives were pushed off their tribal lands even though thousands of them had come to faith in Messiah.

"Ultimately the Natives would be forcibly removed from their land and placed upon reservations. Every treaty (over 400) that the United States of America made with the Natives was broken.

"For the last 100 years, the natives were mostly a forgotten people even though the first settlers couldn't have survived without the Natives' help and guidance. Yet there is a powerful Kingdom mystery revealed through the Indigenous people of this Land.

"The Indigenous people, the native tribes are the physical and spiritual stewards of this land as ordained by God. They are the prophetic voice and true spiritual authority of this land and nation! Over the centuries HaSatan has sought to oppress and remove their identity and spiritual authority. Here's why:

The late Billy Graham predicted in 1975 that the Native Americans would become a 'spiritual superpower' to change the world! This is coupled with an 1877 prophecy from Crazy Horse, leader of the Oglala Lakota Sioux from 1840-1877,

[Crazy Horse teamed up with Sitting Bull to decimate Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and his esteemed Seventh Cavalry in the Battle of the Little Bighorn, perhaps the greatest victory ever by Native Americans over U.S. troops.

Song: "Please Mr. Custer"

Bio of Crazy Horse Battle of Little Big Horn

https://www.biography.com/video/crazy-horse-battle-at-little-big-horn-24512579907]

Native Chief, fierce warrior, Crazy Horse said: "The Red Nation shall rise again and it shall be a blessing for a sick world, a world filled with broken promises, selfishness and separations, a world longing for light again.

"Today there is an awakening among the Indigenous people, the American Indians! Revival is breaking out across their reservations, throughout all the tribes! After years of oppression and persecution, they are humbly repenting, seeking God with great fervency, and walking into their destiny and mandate as this land's spiritual authority to bring this nation to revival through Yeshua the Messiah! This Thanksgiving let us pause to remember our Native brothers and sisters!

"Let us remember, with thanks, their help and assistance in the birth of this nation! Let us stand with them, pray with them, and join with them as America's Spiritual Authority to intercede and seek an American awakening!"

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NAVAJO NATION vice president Myron Lizer (third from left), Dine Navajo Nation members and Indigenous Bridges activists including Ateret Violet Shmuel (second from right) hold the Navajo Nation and Israeli flags to demonstrate the desire to collaborate.

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[https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/jews-and-nativeamericans-brothers-in-the-great-spirit-627955]

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