

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the name of Jesus Who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

When we look around us and realize what is happening in the world, it is hard for us to see with proper perspective. Without proper perspective we become fearful and lose hope. The question is: How do we get proper perspective? The answer is simple, but not easy. In order to have proper perspective we have to look UP.

Hebrews 12:2 "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

When we look unto Jesus, we begin to see things from a totally different view, and as we do so we begin to experience the same joy that He experienced. As we do this we begin to see things totally different, and this leads to a life of thankfulness.

People are always asking me; How can I know the will of God for my life? Here is the answer: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Now we aren't giving thanks FOR everything in our lives but we are giving thanks IN everything. No matter what the circumstances - if we will stop and give thanks, that will cause us to look up. When we look up, everything begins to look different than it did before, and, as we see with greater clarity, the will of God becomes very obvious for our lives.

Here are some verses to help you get started:

1 Chronicles 16:34 "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

Psalms 18:49 "Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name."

Psalms 30:12 "To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever."

Psalms 92:1 "<<A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day.>> It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;"

Psalms 97:12 "Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name."

Psalms 105:1 "Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!"

Psalms 106:1 "Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

Psalms 107:8 "Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

Psalms 140:13 "Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence."

Colossians 1:3 "We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,"

Look UP. Worship the LORD. Give Thanks. Rejoice in the LORD!!!!

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support. Your Servant in Christ. ><> Wayne Brooke<><