In Psalm 103:2 we read, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Thanksgiving is a time of praising and blessing the Lord because of the many benefits which have been given to all of us through the Lord Jesus Christ. In recent years I've had the privilege of being many places in the world including visiting Poland and Czechoslovakia and more recently Guatemala. Inevitably when we arrived back in the United States we were overjoyed to be again in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Our pilgrim forefathers, even though they had to brave the stern climate of New England and surroundings which were difficult and trying, did not fail to praise God and thank Him for delivering them from the oppression of, not only church, but government which allowed a paucity of freedom and forced regimentation of thought.

Throughout all of the years of American history our forefathers have taught us, "Little is much when God is in it," and "that God will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory." It has only been in our own recent past that America has been burdened with affluence and prosperity which has tended to deviate us from Christ more than hardship and trials. The beautiful negro spirituals, which continue to bless us to this day, were a product of a time of suffering in which men turned to their only source of comfort, the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. Much of the music which emanates from today's black culture is far from being inspiring and is not produced by the hearts and spirits of men and women touched by the Spirit of the living word.

Conceerning the benefits of God in my own life I have been reflecting of late upon the many miracles which God has performed in my life from my birth to this very day. I am so thankful for the Christian home into which I was born, for a loving father and mother who were always part of the church and to their dying day loved Christ, His word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

I am thankful for my wife and children who are all saved, Spirit-filled and love the Lord. I thank the Lord for my wife who works with me in the ministry of healing and proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ.

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