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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Thanksgiving's Over"

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Our Thanksgiving feast has ended and that big turkey has been reduced to turkey soup and sandwiches. Now we get down to very important things like getting ready for Christmas. It seems like the days just fly by from Thanksgiving to Christmas and our main thanksgiving comes if we still have some money for presents or still a balance on our credit card. In the book of Matthew, chapter 2 and verse 11 we read that the wise men had come into the house where the Christ Child was and they presented gifts to Him; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Their gifts were also accompanied by their worship. For us the end of Thanksgiving is the beginning of stress.

Who do we have to buy presents for? We're making a list and checking it twice. Lots of gifts to buy and perhaps a tree and lots of decorations. It is

definitely a time of strain on the finances. Sometimes we even feel like old Scrooge whose comment about Christmas was "Bah!

Humbug!" Somehow the busyness and costs of the season end our thanksgiving rather quickly. We know all too well that all the things we

charged will come back to haunt us after January first. Often our thankfulness for Christmas and for Christ has not even brought about a gift for our Savior. We have no money left to give a gift of thanksgiving to God who loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son to be our Savior.

I know that this is a busy time and a needful time for our stores and businesses. Much of the year's business is done between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Let's not get so taken up with all the trappings of Christmas that we forget THE REASON FOR THE SEASON. Thanksgiving shouldn't end on Black Friday but should grow and grow as we come closer to that day we celebrate as the birth of our Savior. May we sing with joy and thankfulness "O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord".

Be Thankful



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Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what God has given us. Blessings can be evident in good times or be hidden in times of trouble. Whatever our circumstances, let us thank God for each day, for only with our Heavenly Father is there true hope. "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made know to God." (Philippians 4:6) *May your blessings abound this Thanksgiving.*

Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm 96	Psalm 97	Psalm 98	Psalm 99	Psalm 100	Psalm 113	Psalm 118
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