SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Oh, That Men Would Give Thanks to the Lord"

Psalm 107:1-32

Introduction

- Happy Turkey Day? – Really!
- The Giving of Thanks flows from faith
- Two General Reasons to give thanks to the Lord

I. God's Character or nature – He is good (v. 1-3):

- Repeated 10 other x's in the Psalms (25:8; 34:8; 54:6; 100:5; 106:1; 118:1,29; 135:3; 136:1; 145:9)
- Declared by Jesus (Luke 18:18-19)
- God's goodness expressed in James 1:17
- Eternal and Unchanging

II. The Work of Grace flowing from His Character, delivering us from our hopeless and helpless troubles – Four Situations given (vs. 4-32)

"Oh, that men would give praise to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (vs. 8, 15, 21 and 31)

- *"Children of Men"* – God's work is seen by all men (Romans 1:20; Matthew 5:45)

1. The Redeemed - their Wilderness Wanderings (vs. 4-9; Romans 10:4)
2. Those who Sit in Darkness, in the Shadow of Death - Bound in Affliction and Iron (vs. 10-16; 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 3:19-20; 2 Corinthians 4:6)
3. Fools – Afflicted; Drew Near to the Gates of Death (vs. 17-22)
4. People who find themselves in an impossible situation by the Providence of God (vs. 23-32; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Romans 5:3-5; Hebrews 12:11; Romans 2:21-24)

Conclusion

- Is Thanksgiving Day just "Turkey Day" for you? If so, your very soul in jeopardy of eternal damnation: Repent and put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of sin, salvation, righteousness and everlasting life
- There is no good reason to not live each day as Thanksgiving Day