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## David's Thanksgivings to God 1 Chronicles 16:8-36

### Introduction

This great hymn celebrates the things that David had learned about God. This was the basis for his thankfulness to God. It is repeated in Psalms 96:1-13; 105:1-15; and 106:1, 47, 48. These psalms are his spiritual memoirs and diary. This hymn in 1 Chronicles 16 was written to celebrate the bringing of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and its installation in the tabernacle there, see 2 Sam 6:1-23. It had been in Kirjath Yearim for twenty years, 1 Sam 7:2 after the Philistines returned it because a plague came upon the people everywhere they took it.

### I. Be Thankful for Who He Is! 16:8-11

1. He is Yahweh (LORD) v. 8a. call upon His name; cf Ex 3:14 "I will be what I have always been"
2. He meets the needs in the lives of His people Phil 4:19, v. 8b "deeds" are His works in providing for His people - Num 22:2 Balak saw all God did for Israel
3. He is worthy of our praise - v. 9a sing songs of praise to him - music is important because it teaches doctrine; Psalms is doctrine/history set to music
4. He is a God of miracles - v. 9b wondrous works = miraculous
5. He causes the heart of his people to rejoice - v. 10
6. He is our source of strength - v. 11a
7. He is accessible so we are to seek His face - v. 11b

### II. Be Thankful for Remembering What He Has Done! 16:12-27

1. Remember His marvelous works - *zakar* more than mental recall, enact, celebrate - vv. 12-13.
2. Remember His judgments - He is a just God, and God of justice - 14
3. Remember His promises - 1 Cor 1:20; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Land, Seed, Blessing, Egypt's deliverance - vv. 15-22
4. Remember the salvation He has provided - vv. 23-27 "All gods are idols" He alone is our hope of salvation - Ps 51:12; Deut 32:39 "I am He, no gods beside"

### III. Be Thankful by Giving to God! 16:28-29

1. Giving back to God - Our stewardship is a demonstration of our thanks to God, it is all we are and all we have - v. 28a
2. Giving should be of the best we have to offer - strength, glory, 28b. Mal 1:13
3. Give a gift worthy of His name; bring an offering (first yourself) then the gift, 29a
4. Giving is an act of worship - giving is a tangible gift, tithe Mal 3:10 and our gift represents the giving our ourselves, 29b

**IV. Thankfulness Confirms the all His Creation gives Thanks! 16:30-33**

1. All the earth is firmly established as testimony of His grace and power - v. 30; Col 1:16-17
2. Even the heavens and the earth tell of His glory - Yahweh reigns supreme v. 31; cf Rom 1:20
3. The seas and all in them reveal His greatness - v. 32a
4. The plants, flowers of the field reveal His glory - v. 32b
5. The trees and woodland rejoice before Him, 33a
6. All creation declares He is coming again to Judge the earth, v. 33b Rom 8:22

**V. Thankfulness Gives Glory for God's Character 16:34-36**

1. Yahweh is good! All the gods of ANE were capricious - 34a
2. Yahweh is merciful, he always is ready to grant us grace & mercy - 34b
3. Yahweh is the redeeming, saving God - 35a
4. Yahweh is the God who delivers His people - 35b
5. Yahweh is the God who is holy - 35c
6. Yahweh is the God who brings victory - 35d
7. Yahweh is eternal and faithful to Israel & to us - 36

**Conclusion**

Every day should be Thanksgiving Day. It is good to set aside a day of thanks but we should follow the admonition of **1 Thess 4:18** "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you" **Col 3:16** says, "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, Giving Thanks to God and the Father by Him." **Rom 12:1-2** "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."