

## **Psalms of Thanksgiving**

Intro:

\*Centrality of thanksgiving in the Bible and to the Christian life.

-Psalm 95:1,2-Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

-Luke 17:11-19-The healing of the 10 lepers.

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18-Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.

-Romans 1:21-...Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him.

The Psalms of Thanksgiving give voice to thanking God. They serve as a model for why we should thank God and how to thank him.

### 1) Background to the Psalms of Thanksgiving

- How many Psalms of Thanksgiving are there?
- What is the relationship of the Psalms of Thanksgiving to the Psalms of Lament?
- What is the relationship of the Psalms of Thanksgiving to the Psalms of Praise?

### 2) The structure of the Psalms of Thanksgiving

- Begin with praise
- Describing the trouble
- Giving thanks
- Psalm 124

### 3) Making the Psalms of Thanksgiving our own

- How do the Psalms of Thanksgiving help us?

They remind us how important it is to give thanks.

-Giving thanks glorifies God

-Giving thanks humbles us

-Giving thanks increases our faith

-Giving thanks promotes contentment

They remind us how important it is to vocalize our thanks