

“What Can You Give God?”

Ps. 29:1-2

Open:

- What can you give God that He doesn't already have?
 - The goods of this earth? **Ps. 50:10-13** *“For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. [11] I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. [12] If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. [13] Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?”*
 - Money? **Rev. 21:10-11; 18-21** *“And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; [18] And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. [19] And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; [20] The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. [21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.”*
- What can you give God that He hasn't already given to His obedient children?
 - Every good and perfect gift. **James 1:17** *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”*
 - Blessings – **Ps. 84:11** *“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”*
 - Prosperity – **Ps. 1:3** *“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”*
 - Durable riches – **Prov. 8:18** *“I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. [18] Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. [19] My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.”*

Tran:

- God does not ask us to give to Him because He needs anything; God asks us for certain things so He can bless us with more of what He has to give us.
 - God is the Creator of this universe and the giver of all that is God.
 - God wants to give His children what is best.
 - God knows how to give His children far more and far better things than they even realize are available.
 - God never asks us to give Him something that He does not give us back something that is better and more abundant than what we gave Him.
 - Abraham = God asked him for his only son. When Abraham was willing, God not only gave Abraham a ram to replace his son, but God also multiplied His blessings in and through the life of Abraham.
 - Job = When God allowed Job's earthly riches to be taken away, Job did not become bitter and angry at God, he continued to obey God; and God in return, blessed Job with double of all that he had lost.
- Carnal men who do not know God, will try and convince you that you can avoid the problems of life and still enjoy life to the fullest extent; but as children of God, we need to trust in the promises and the provisions of God, too the point where we are willing to, by faith, obey God.

I. We can give to God, what is rightfully his, through our attitude and our words.

- **Ps. 26:6-8** *“I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD: [7] That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. [8] LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.”*

A. Thanksgiving. **I Chron. 29:9-13** *“Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. [10] Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. [11] Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. [12] Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and **in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.** [13] Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.”*

- i. Being thankful is a decision not an emotion. **Ps. 50:8-14**
- ii. Being thankful will cause you to remember all that God has done for you. **ILL: The Children setting up a memorial in the Jordan River. This caused all who saw to remember and be thankful for the deliverance and miracles of God.**
- iii. Being thankful, will cause you to give to the work of God which will in turn bring you joy and satisfaction in the completion of God’s work. **ILL: The building of the tabernacle.**
- iv. Being thankful will create an opportunity for you to experience the presence and power of God in your life. **II Chron. 5:13-14** *““It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; [14] So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.”*

B. Praise. **Ps. 34:1** *“I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”*

- i. The presence and power of God in church. **ILL: Ps. 150**
- ii. Praise activates God to bring victory on our behalf. **ILL: Jericho**
- iii. Praise activates God to deliver the prisoners. **ILL: Paul & Silas**

C. Glory and Honour. **Ps. 96:3-8** *“Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. [4] For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. [5] For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. [6] Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. [7] Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. [8] Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.”*

- i. There is nothing good in our life that we have earned the right to take credit for. – *“Men who do not publicly declare God’s glory are men who publicly lift themselves up.”* **vs. 3-4**
- ii. There is nothing good in our life that has come by our own merit. **vs. 5**
- iii. God deserves all honour and glory in and from our lives because any good man sees in us comes from God. **vs. 6-8**

II. We can give to God by returning to Him what rightfully belongs to Him.

- “Jesus was my crucified sacrifice, why can’t I be his living sacrifice?” **Rom. 12:1-2** *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*
- A. Heart. **Prov. 4:23** *“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”*
 - i. **Prov. 23:26** *“My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.”*
 - ii. **Ezk. 11:18-21** *“And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. [19] And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: [20] That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. [21] But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.”*
- B. Hands.
 - i. **Ecc. 9:10** *“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...”*
 - ii. **Col. 3:17, 23** *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. [23] And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”*
- C. Feet.
 - i. **Ps. 37:5** *“Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”*
 - ii. **Eph. 6:15** *“And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”*
 - iii. **Rom. 10:15** *“...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”*

Close:

- God does not ask us to give to Him because He needs anything; God asks us for certain things so He can bless us with more of what He has to give us.
- The only way to be truly happy in life is give back to God what He has given you.