



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“The world would be a better place if every day was Thanksgiving Day.”

Thank You Lord

When I was thinking of what to write for Thanksgiving, this tune came to my mind “Thank you Lord, for saving my soul. Thank you Lord, for making me whole. Thank you Lord, for giving to me, Thy great salvation so rich and free.” I learned it as a child. Most of you are now repeating the song in your mind. But I never knew anything about the song or the writer until today.

It was written in 1940 by Seth and Bessie Sykes, in a railway carriage between Edinburgh and Glasgow England. It is the chorus of a longer song with the same title. It has been translated into more than 70 different languages and is sung both on radio and TV throughout the globe. A number of their songs made it to the United States including: “Running over, Running over, My cup is full and running over.”

“Seth Sykes began his career as a conductor motorman for Glasgow Corporation Tramways. He also served as Secretary for the Tramway Christian Association, where he was allowed to hand out Christian literature and Bible. In 1929, Sykes left his job and along with his wife, he became a full-time traveling evangelist. The Sykes were somewhat like today’s media Christian innovators in that they used lantern slides and rousing hymns, to gain the full interest of their crowds.”¹

Another song of giving thanks that inspires me, starts with “How can I give thanks for the things you have done for me. Things I do not deserve but You gave them to prove Your love for me. The voices of ten thousand angels cannot express my gratitude.” Yes, it is entitled “My Tribute” by Andraé Crouch. [Listen](#).

Giving thanks to our Creator, Provider, Protector, and Savior does not mean spending hours making sure the food and table are perfect, then saying a 10-second repeatable meaningless prayer. It does not mean then spending the rest of the day watching a parade or a bowl game, that is over and forgotten, in a flash. If we cannot spend one hour each week to thank and worship God, then we should at least take one day a year for thanking Him.

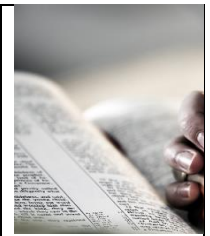
The Bible uses a form of the word “thank” 134 times. Here are a few: “I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.” Dan 2:23 “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name.” Ps 100: “Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.” I Chron 16:8 “O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.” I Chron 16:34 “And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even” I Chron 23:30 “Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.” I Chron 29:13 “Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.” Ps 30:4 “I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.” Ps 35:18 “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High” Ps 92:1 “Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.” Ps 106:47 “At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.” Ps 119:62 “Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.” II Cor 9:11



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“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.” Col 4:2

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” I Thess 5:18



¹discerningmusic.wordpress.com/2015/10/24/thank-you-lord-for-saving-my-soul-seth-and-bessie-sykes/

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