



## Daily Verse and Comment

### Romans 1:20-21

(20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

*King James Version*

The apostle Paul is telling us that, when we neglect to be thankful, we begin to change:

- Our hearts becomes hard and selfish.
- We forget those to whom we are not thankful. When we fail to appreciate another, we are neglecting to see their worth or value.
- When we are not thankful for what we have been given, we soon take our blessings for granted.

An unwillingness to thank [God](#) for His great [love](#), mercy, and all the other things He provides and does for us will eventually alienate our affections and harden our heart toward Him, causing us to be blinded to all that He is doing in our lives. We can be working to obey God, be receiving His blessings, and approve of God's laws and actions, but if we are not praising and thanking Him, an important aspect of our spiritual development is missing. In a sense, gratitude is the glue that cements our relationship with Him!

This end-time environment can pull us down if we do not take time to consider all that has been done for us. The [Passover](#) season annually reminds us of who we are and the price paid for us in great love, so that we can be

forgiven and come before the great God of the universe. But we should not relegate this lesson just to the springtime; it is a good idea to remember this fact frequently throughout the year. The late fall and winter is an excellent time to remember why we should have a thankful heart at all times, despite what is happening in [the world](#).

[II Corinthians 3:16](#) tells us that the veil of blindness has been lifted from our minds to give us understanding of spiritual matters that this world cannot comprehend. What God has given us is considered a treasure placed in human vessels ([II Corinthians 4:7](#)). Do we value that as highly as we should? Do we thank God for it? Even if it brings us persecution, we are to give thanks for it. [Jesus](#) says in [Luke 6:23](#) that we should "rejoice in that day and leap for [joy](#)!"

As we see our country founder in confusion, it can be difficult to offer thanks, and yet the giving of thanks to God is of the utmost importance. When we are in a thankful relationship with God, our whole attitude changes toward [repentance](#) and obedience, and overcoming takes on new meaning. When we truly thank God, we reflect our love toward Him, and we seek to honor Him.

God, who is capable of far greater feelings than what we can express, highly appreciates our thankfulness toward Him, and it results in blessings toward us, especially those of the Spirit. Perhaps best of all, He draws us closer to Him, and our relationship with Him grows.

We live in an unthankful world, and we in this nation take many of God's wonderful blessings for granted, never considering all the sacrifices that have been made to produce them. Because we live in this greatly blessed country, though we are not truly part of it (see [John 17:14-16](#)), we must train ourselves to consider our blessings and give thanks. When we do, it is a win-win situation. We win because we focus on God and His work, and God wins, because in our response to Him in giving thanks, He draws us closer to Him.

— John O. Reid

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