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To: The House of God Church-at-Large
From: The Chief Overseer, the Headquarters and Branch Office Staffs
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Due to additional required inserts and updated information, the 2021-22 Holiday Communique will be mailed the week after Thanksgiving. A digital copy will be available before Thanksgiving (on the church website). Meanwhile, we are making a copy of the Thanksgiving Lesson available to you.

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 25, 2021. I recommend that you continue virtual meetings locally or by districts on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 A.M. (or at an appropriate time for your congregation and community) for approximately one hour to render due praises to God for His goodness in a Thanksgiving Day Service. Let us resurrect the practice of gratitude. Your virtual worship service may include reading of the Thanksgiving Lesson and other appropriate scripture readings of your choice.

THANKSGIVING LESSON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

WE GIVE THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR HIS UNIQUE AND WONDERFUL BLESSINGS

TEXT: Psalm 7:17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD...Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: *it is he that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations” (Psa. 122:1, 100:1-5).

Give thanks in all circumstances. “In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess. 5:18). O give thanks unto the LORD for *he is* good. To him who alone doeth great wonders; to him that stretched out the earth above the waters; to him who led his people through the wilderness; who giveth food to all flesh...O give thanks unto the God of heaven for his mercy *endureth* forever. (From Psa. 136).

“In that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee” (Isa. 12:1-6).

COMMENTARY: Thanksgiving is not just a one-day celebration in which we thank God for the material things of life. Thanksgiving is an ongoing occasion when we thank God for both spiritual and material things that are made available to us by Him. 1) We are to thank God for His love, kindness, and faithfulness. 2) We should thank Him for His judgment and His great works of deliverance. Without God we have nothing, we own nothing, and we are nothing. With God we are wonderfully made, blessed in the city, and blessed in the field. With God we are conquerors. With God we can move mountains. With God no good thing is withheld from us and with God all things are possible to those of us that believe!

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Hebrews 13:14-15 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

