PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

1. WHEN did the psalmist say he would bless the Lord?

"I will bless the Lord *at all times*: His praise shall *continually be in my mouth.*" *"Every day* will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name forever and ever." **Psalm 34:1; 145:2**.

2. What do those do who offer praise?

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." Psalm 50:23.

3. Where does David say he will praise God?

"My praise shall be of Thee *in the great congregation*: I will pay my vows before them that fear Him." **Psalm 22:25**.

4. What does he exhort all to do?

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." **Psalm 34:3**.

5. What personal experience does he say he will declare in the hearing of all who fear God?

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and *I* will declare what He hath done for my soul." **Psalm 66:16**.

6. What effect do such testimonies have upon the humble?

"My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: *the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.*" **Psalm 34:2**.

7. Into what condition did those lapse anciently who failed to glorify God and to be thankful?

"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." **Romans 1:21**.

8. What element should enter into all our worship?

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your requests be made known unto God." **Philippians 4:6**. See **Colossians 4:2**.

9. In how many things should we give thanks?

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." **1Thessalonians 5:18**.

10. How often, and for how much, should we render thanks?

"Giving thanks *always for all things* unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Ephesians 5:20**.

11. With what exhortation does the psalmist close his songs of praise?

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the highsounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." **Psalm 150**.

O WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness, Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, Kneel and adore Him, the Lord is His name. Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness, High on His heart He will bear it for thee, Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be. Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, These are the offerings to lay on His shrine. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, He will accept for the Name that is dear; Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.