

## In Everything Give Thanks – Everything???

I Thess. 5:18; Habakkuk

A connection between prayer and giving thanks – Phil. 4:6: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Notice the preposition – he does NOT say “give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ everything”. He says “give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ everything.”

The root stem of the word “give thanks” is the word for “\_\_\_\_\_”.

So we’re not thanking God FOR everything – we are thanking Him for His grace available to us IN every situation!

### I. The challenging circumstances - Habakkuk

A. God doesn’t seem to be \_\_\_\_\_ – 1:1 - 4  
Habakkuk was honest in expressing his doubts.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ for the answer - 2:1

C. The challenge to faithfulness - 2:4

### II. Man’s commitment to give thanks - 3:17,18

A. “In everything” - His situation - v. 17 - bankruptcy

B. “Give thanks” - His thanksgiving - jubilation - v. 18

1) basis of His confidence - How was he able to do that??

G. Campbell Morgan gives 3 reasons:

\*If everything is destroyed, God can create a new source of supply

\*God can send supplies from unknown sources - water from a rock

\*God can multiply what we have - loaves and fish

(Or, we could say, Rom. 8:28,29 – God is at work in everything for my good and His glory – to make me more like Christ.)

2) result of confidence - joy

A) \_\_\_\_\_ of joy - “I will jump for joy, I will spin round in the God of my salvation.”

B) sphere of joy - in the \_\_\_\_\_

C. The key - v. 19 - The Sovereign Lord is my strength!

The secret to thanksgiving, regardless of circumstances? Keep holding onto Jesus – through the questions; through the frustrations; through the doubts!

