

## THANKSGIVING IN THE PSALMS

Reference: **Psalm 107**

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William Bradford was the governor of the Plymouth Colony established in 1620 and located in what is now Massachusetts. The Plymouth Colony was the first settlement of Europeans in New England. The members of that settlement, called Pilgrims, in conjunction with Squanto and other Native American friends, held a three-day feast of thanksgiving and praise to God after their first harvest in 1621. Then, in 1623, Bradford made the first Thanksgiving proclamation. Governor Bradford explained how the Pilgrim population and the Native American Indians made a binding peace agreement. That treaty contained six mutually agreed upon promises:

- that neither group would \_\_\_\_\_ one another,
- that anyone who does cause harm would be held \_\_\_\_\_,
- that neither group would \_\_\_\_\_ from one another and anything that was stolen would be returned,
- that the pilgrims and Indians would become military \_\_\_\_\_, protecting one another in instances of attack,
- that neighboring confederates would also be welcome to join in that same \_\_\_\_\_ with them and
- when the groups would meet together both sides would be \_\_\_\_\_!

Reference: **Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31** (see screen)

Three principles from this verse:

**ONE...** gratitude is to first be directed \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord...” ‘*

References: **Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31; 50:14a; 105:1a** (see screen)

**TWO...** gratitude is a \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord...” ‘*

**Principle:** Gratitude is the \_\_\_\_\_ that determines our \_\_\_\_\_!

**THREE...** gratitude is based on \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord, for **His goodness** and for **His wonderful works** to the children of men”*

References: **Psalm 25:8a; 33:5b; 34:8a; 52:1b; 86:5a; 100:5a; 107:1a; 119:68a; 145:7a, 9a; Job 1:20,21** (see screen)