

A large, light-brown woven basket is tipped over, spilling a variety of autumnal fruits and vegetables onto a dark surface. The produce includes several bright orange pumpkins, red and green apples, clusters of dark purple grapes, and various nuts like walnuts and almonds. There are also some green and yellow gourds and a small yellow squash. The background is a dark, textured surface.

*Give Thanks  
with a grateful heart*

# The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Leviticus 7:11-15



# Maintaining Peace with God

- The sacrifice of Thanksgiving has to do with maintaining peace with God.
- A thankful heart is a heart that recognizes the greatness, mercy and provision of Almighty God.
- When we offer up our prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord, we are recognizing His power and control over us.
- Thanksgiving can only be truly a day of thanks if we believe that Jesus made a way of peace for us.



# The Sacrifice

- Our sacrifices of Thanksgiving must only be offered through Christ, Who is represented in the unleavened bread.
- Oil represents the anointing of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
- We cannot be completely thankful until we have been through the fire.
- When we understand the wonderful grace and mercy of God, we become the most thankful to Him.

Give Thanks



# Leavened Bread

- In the offering of leavened bread, we recognize that we, as living sacrifices, must be holy and acceptable to God.
- We are made holy through the blood of Jesus, but we are still bound in earthly tabernacles of flesh that are subject to sin.
- We are also required to offer ourselves as sacrifices in service if we are to have peace with God.

*Give Thanks*



# Heave Offering

- A “heave offering” in Scripture refers to the portion of a sacrifice or offering elevated or “heaved” before the LORD as an act of dedication.
- We are to “heave” ourselves toward Heaven, fully and completely, giving our all as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord.
- When we give ourselves wholly to God we are finally in the place where God can commune with us.



# Meat Offering

- The sacrifice of meat was the only sacrifice that was offered in the temple where everyone was to eat a part of the sacrifice.
- When we have offered a true sacrifice of thanksgiving, then everyone is blessed by it at the same time.
- The sacrifice of thanksgiving was to be totally consumed on the same day that it was offered.
- Though we were thankful yesterday, we must continue to be thankful every new day.



# Being Thankful

*Give Thanks*

- It is a personal thing to be thankful unto the Lord; I cannot offer yours, and you cannot do it for me.
- You can offer up thanksgiving to God at any time.
- We no longer offer up literal sacrifices of animals to be cooked and burned, but we do offer up spiritual equivalences.
- When we truly have a thankful heart that obeys the Lord and praises Him with a sacrifice of thanksgiving, then the peace of God will keep us close to Him.



# Conclusion

- There will come a day when all of God's people will stand around God's throne and, in one voice, offer up a sacrifice of thanksgiving together.
- When you sit down for your celebration dinner, do not forget to offer up your sacrifice of thanksgiving.
- Give yourself wholly unto the Lord and allow the peace of God to reign in your life.