



**GIVING
THANKS**

IN ALL THINGS



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1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV) — 18 In every thing give thanks:
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16 **Rejoice** evermore.

17 **Pray** without ceasing.

18 In every thing **give thanks**: for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus concerning you.

19 **Quench** not the Spirit.

20 **Despise** not prophesyings.

21 **Prove** all things; **hold fast** that which is good.

22 **Abstain** from all appearance of evil.

Psalm 107:1 (KJV) — 1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he
is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.



εὐχαριστέω^a; εὐχαριστία, ας f: to express gratitude for benefits or blessings. (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament based on Semantic Domains*, vol. 1, p. 427)

Thanks is often expressed in highly idiomatic ways. For example, in some languages one says thank you by saying “may God pay you.” Such a phrase may be so standardized as to even be used in expressing thankfulness to God himself. In other instances, thankfulness may be expressed as “you have made my heart warm.” (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament based on Semantic Domains*, vol. 1, p. 428)

Daniel 2:23 (KJV) — 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.





Brethren and sisters, eat a plain dinner on Thanksgiving Day,
and with the money you would spend in extras with which
to indulge the appetite, make a thank offering to God.

(Adventist Home, p. 475.1)

Romans 8:28 (KJV) — 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.





Daniel 6:10 (KJV) — 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, **and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.**



Daniel did not seek to hide his loyalty to God. He did not pray in his heart, but with his voice, aloud, with his window open toward Jerusalem, he offered up his petition to heaven. Then his enemies made their complaint to the king, and Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. But the Son of God was there. The angel of the Lord encamped round about the servant of the Lord, and when the king came in the morning, and called, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me.” No harm had come to him, and he magnified the Lord God of heaven.

(The Review & Herald, May 3, 1892, par. 11)

We may know that if our life is hid with Christ in God, when we are brought into trial because of our faith, Jesus will be with us. When we are brought before rulers and dignitaries to answer for our faith, the Spirit of the Lord will illuminate our understanding, and we shall be able to bear a testimony to the glory of God. And if we are called to suffer for Christ's sake, we shall be able to go to prison trusting in him as a little child trusts in its parents. Now is the time to cultivate faith in God. (*The Review & Herald*, May 3, 1892, par. 12)



Jonah 2:7–9 (KJV) — 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.



It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask.

(The Great Controversy, p. 525.2)



1 Samuel 2:1–2 (KJV) — 1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. 2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.



In the second chapter of 1 Samuel (1 Samuel 2:1) is recorded the prayer of a consecrated woman who served and glorified God. She prayed: “My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.” Hannah’s offering of thanksgiving for the answer to her prayer is a lesson to those who today receive answers to their requests. Do we not neglect to return praise and thanksgiving to God for his loving-kindness?

(The Review and Herald, May 7, 1908, par. 4)



Acts 27:33–35 (KJV) — 33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing. 34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you. 35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, **and gave thanks to God in presence of them all:** and when he had broken it, he began to eat.



Acts 27:22–24 (KJV) — 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.



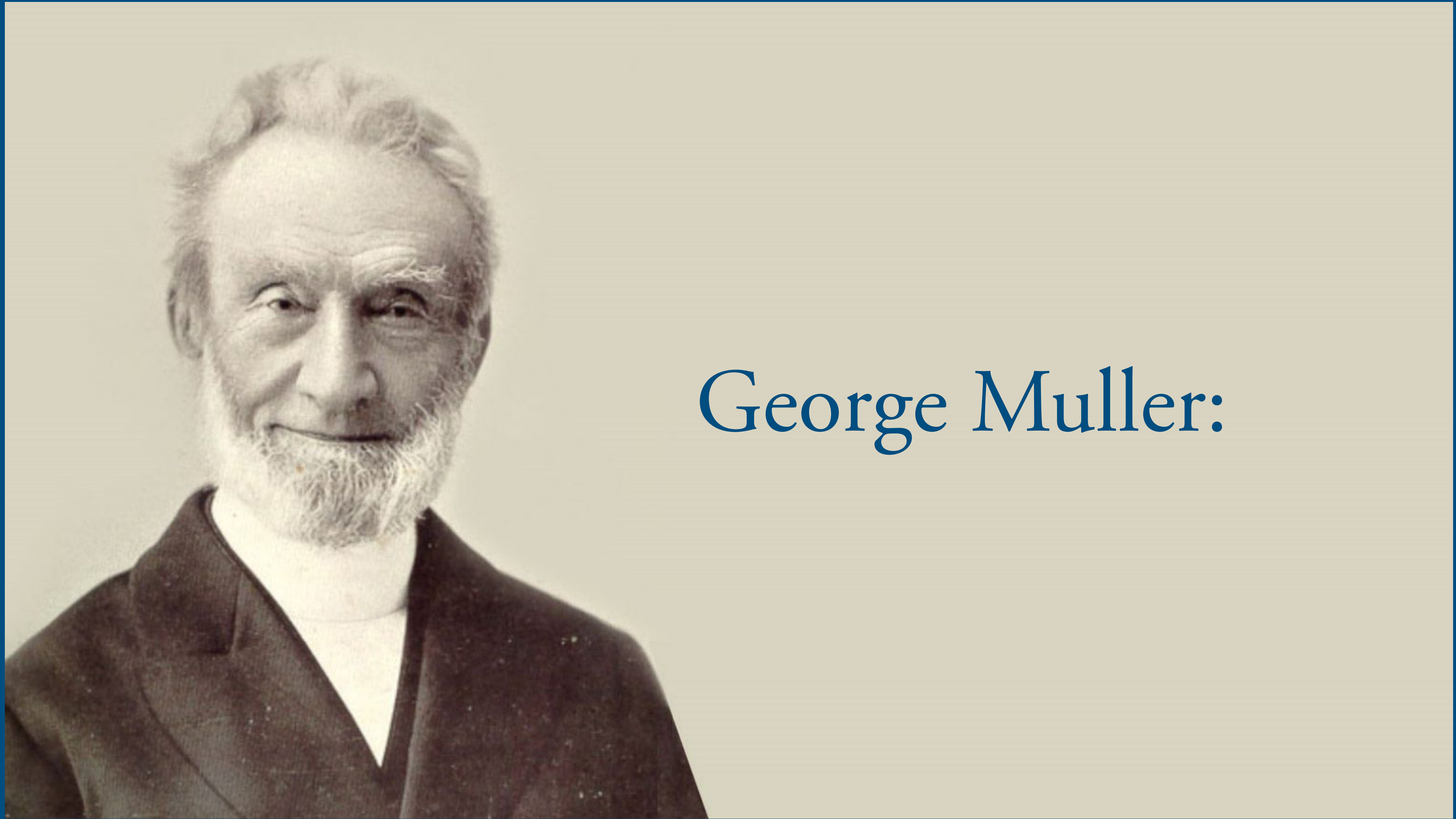


Matthew 14:14–16 (KJV) — 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. 16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.



Matthew 14:17–20 (KJV) — 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.





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Luke 22:15 (KJV) — 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:



Luke 22:17 (KJV) — 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks,
and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:



Luke 22:19 (KJV) — 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.



Matthew 26:26–27 (KJV) — 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;



Hebrews 13:5 (KJV) — 5 . . . I will never leave thee,
nor forsake thee.



James 4:8 (KJV) — 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will
draw nigh to you.



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