

A decorative frame with intricate scrollwork and floral patterns, set against a textured, mottled brown background. The frame contains a light-colored rectangular area with a horizontal brown band across the middle. The text 'Thank Give' is written in a large, white, serif font, with the 'T' being significantly larger than the other letters. The word 'hanks' is written in a smaller, white, serif font, positioned below the horizontal band and overlapping the bottom of the 'h' in 'Thank'.

Thank Give
hanks

*The Superficial
Thanksgiving*

Luke 18:9-14

Psalm 92:1,

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD.”

I. This Pharisee was Unaware of His Greatest Need. (Vv. 11-12)

A. "I thank You that I am not like other men"

1 Cor. 4:7, *For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?*

B. He focused on his own efforts: not God's blessings.

C. He needed a personal salvation through faith.

Eph. 2:8-9, *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

II. The Pharisee was Unconcerned for the Publican. (V.11)

A. *“Or even this tax collector.”*

B. A true thankful heart produces a thankful life.

- Are you thankful for your salvation?
- Thankful for God’s provisions in your life?
- Thankful for the kindness you have received?
- Thankful for Christian fellowship?

C. This is the spirit of the first Thanksgiving.

III. The Pharisee went Home Unchanged. (V. 14)

A. A true thankful heart - changes us.

James 1:16-18, *Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.*

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

¹⁸Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

B. The Pharisee went to a good place - the temple.

- He went for a good purpose - to pray.
- He went home unchanged.

IV. The Other Person in the Parable - The Tax Collector. (Lv. 13-14)

A. He faced his sins and sought forgiveness.

“God, be merciful to me a sinner!”

He - went down to his house justified!

B. The tax collector when home a new man.