

I am Thankful

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My Dear and Precious Father,

Today I come before thee in great appreciation for all that thou has done for me. I look back to my past years and see how your mighty hand has molded me. I have made many mistakes and committed many sins, but I have repented unto thee and to those I have wronged. Within my heart I ask that you keep a contrite and broken spirit and a genuine heart of repentance and remorse for my transgressions, not only unto thee, but unto my fellowman too. For I cannot please thee if I have grievance with my fellowman that I need to ask his forgiveness for or that I need to forgive him. Only through forgiveness I can be washed white as snow and be cleansed. My soul delights in thee. Thou art my strength and my savior. Thou art the lover of my soul. Amen. Thou art the very breath I breathe. To those who are merciful, mercy shall follow them all the days of their lives. I am lost without thee. Mercy, please follow me. Create within me a clean heart and a pure spirit unto thee. Create within me a forgiving heart. Create within me a righteous heart that hungers and thirst after thee.

I look back on my life and testimony. My testament is my book that thou reads God. No other book on my behalf will thou read except what my life has produced. The Book of Hazel has been through hell to be when I am at. Great sorrow and pain has absorbed my soul, but so has great love and joy. Great mercy and forgiveness has absorbed my soul, but so has great weakness and strength. I have lost and gained. I have grieved the loss of a child and I have rejoiced at his birth. I have fasted and waited upon thee and I have seen thee answer my requests and prayers before thee. Great fear has absorb me but so has great faith. I have been blessed and cursed with love and grief. Most importantly, I have known thee. Thou has guided my footsteps unto thee. Thou has filled my hands so they remain full and not empty as thou promised me you would. Every tool that thou has placed in my hands have come through great sorrow and pain. These are the tools that allow me to go in and out among your people, for surely your people is the greatest people on earth.

Thank you God for everywhere I have been, for my path has molded me into deeper understanding, appreciation, and mercy. Most importantly, it has taught my soul to forgive and to ask for forgiveness from those I have wronged. I am not perfect but I love thee and I stand before thee just as I am. Naked I am before thee because nothing is hidden from thee. As King David fell upon thy mercy at his abominable sin before the prophet, Nathan, so I fall upon thy mercy at my abominable sins that is before me. Forgive me father for I have sinned. Forgive those who have wronged me for I have forgiven them. Create within me a pure heart.

My journey has been full of valleys and mountains but I have no regret. Through my ups and downs I have grown and been broken, only to grow and be broken again. My journey is not my own, it was bought with a price. I have paid that price but thou paid it first for me. I stand before thee, my Tree of Life in the midst of your garden, and I bow unto thee Lord. Thou art life. Thou has ordered my footsteps. I will not question the moving and molding within me.