

## A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO YOU

*“And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.”*

“Why did he give thanks? Why was that a part of the ritual? You know he was not under orders to give thanks to anybody, so in giving thanks he must have been putting the principle into operation.

“Giving thanks is an acknowledgment of the Source. Giving thanks is an acknowledgment of the Cause. So when we say, “Thank you, Father, I am,” we are showing forth our conviction that our supply does not come from any human being, but that it comes from the Father. It comes, not from our own human cleverness, ingenuity, or personality. It comes forth from the Father. So, giving thanks is a recognition of the Source: Consciousness. Without the recognition that Consciousness is the source, there is no further demonstration. When we recognize God, the infinite Consciousness of our being, as the source of all that comes to us, then our “Thank you, Father,” is our acknowledgment of the nothingness of human selfhood and human effort. It is a recognition of the presence and power of God as the source of all that comes to us as the fulfilment of every need.

“...Gratitude is not something that concerns the other person. It is your relationship, your contact, with God. It is your own individual at-one-ment with God. Actually, you never need to say, “Thank you” outwardly to another person who has been an avenue or channel for good for you. Of course, we do, as a form of courtesy, but unless that outer expression of gratitude is accompanied by the inner realization that God, our consciousness, is the source of that for which we are grateful, we are being grateful to the wrong source, and we have lost the essence of the true sense of gratitude. The “Thank you, Father,” of Jesus was his silent recognition that God is the cause and the effect of any and every amount of loaves and fishes.”

~ Joel, in *Consciousness Unfolding*, pages 13-14

**In this spirit, we send gratitude and Thanksgiving blessings to each of you. It is a joy to acknowledge the Grace that we experience in this Circle of Christhood, and to behold the glorious gift that flows through the consciousness of each one as world work. Truly, “Ye are the light of the world.” May the Thanksgiving season be an experience of the infinite abundance of Grace for each of you and for all those who come within range of your consciousness.**

**Abiding love and recognition,  
Liz and Marty**

