

ETERNALLY THANKFUL

Having more material blessings can cause us to trust in ourselves: our own abilities, our jobs, our families, and our resources. Many people don't fully appreciate the concept of need until they have had to struggle through hardships. I may not ever trust in God completely until he allows me to reach a point where I have to admit that I could not rescue myself. Then I may begin to understand God's grace, steadfast love, and providential care.

Psalm 30 is a song written by David which looks back over the ups and downs in his life. David had great success along with some really low points. He came to understand that the highs (victories) occurred because of the LORD lifting him up. In response, he would lift up the LORD and remain eternally thankful for all the blessings God had graciously provided for him.

Here is a breakdown of the poem that I came up with to help me trace David's thoughts:

- (1-3) Reasons for Praise
- (4-5) Encourage Others to Praise the LORD
- (6-7) I Can't Do It Alone
- (8-10) Going to the Right Source
- (11-12) Eternally Thankful

During this time of the year when we may take some time to give thanks, read Psalm 30 and meditate on what David is saying in this song of thanksgiving. When we have so much, it is easy to push God out of the picture. Let's remember from whom all blessings and good things come. Let's grow in our trust of God and Jesus and be eternally thankful to him!

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