

The Master Key of Thanksgiving!

I want to stir you up. I want to give you the Master Key to Possess Your Promised Land. You are far richer than you realize!

I. You Have Been Robbed and May Not Even Know It!

If you **knew** that **someone** had **stolen** your **identity**, broken into all your **accounts**, and replaced them with **worthless counterfeits**, **what would you do??!** If this also has the effect of robbing your children, grandchildren and future generations of the fabulous wealth that had been yours, **WHAT WOULD YOU DO??!**

The Abundant Life IS Available to You!

[John 10.9](#) I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. [10](#) The **thief** comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it **abundantly**. [Slide 1]

Περὶσσοῦς —Exceptional, more than what is expected — outstanding, remarkable, unusual. Causing a distinct advantage.

II. You Were Created for the GOOD LIFE!

To **Receive**, but also to be a **Source of Hope**, a Light shining in the Darkness!

All of Creation is WAITING to deliver **to you and through you** the GOOD that is locked up in it.

A. The GOOD Creation

The Universe is created by **10 utterances**, or *omers*, *Va Yomer Elohim...* translated, “And the Lord said...”

[Gen 1.3a](#) וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים *And God said*, let there be light...

Whatever God spoke, came into existence! This is the first thing we observe about speech – **It is creative!**

Here is a vital question: Is it only the direct, divinely uttered Word that creates, or does human speech also “image” God’s speech and create conditions and realities within the Universe, or Creation?

Six times during the Creation account, we are told that God saw what He had spoken and it was **TOV**, translated “Good.”

Gen 1.4a **And God saw** that the light was good. [Slide 2]
When the human had been created, — **MEOD TOV**, translated “very good,” — **exceedingly or excessively good.**

VERY GOOD describes **Eden**, “enjoyment” or “delight.”Paradise.

Eph. 5:8 for at one time you were **darkness**, but **now** you **are light in the Lord**. Walk as children of light

B. The GOOD Plan — Shalom

Jer 29.11 NKJV For I **know** the **thoughts** that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of **peace** and not of **evil**, to give you a **future** and a **hope**.

On top of the GOOD UNIVERSE, when God thinks about **you**, he **experiences** you. The word translated know, **YADAH**, it is experiential or **interactive knowledge**.

His “thoughts,” or **MACHASHAVOT**, are actually **plans**, part of a great story line, **a plot with a purpose!** He is the master story teller and He has written you into the Script.

All his plans for you are SHALOM, they are complete, uninjured, friendly, nothing missing, nothing broken. They **are not RA’AH**, that is, they are not inferior, harmful, diseased or bad.

Out of his plans of SHALOM, He gives you both a **future** to look forward to and a **hope** that things will turn out very well in the end.

SHALOM is restored through righteousness. It cannot be obtained while one is persisting in sin and evil. Jesus Christ became our righteousness!

Isa 32.17 And the **effect of righteousness** will be **peace**, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

Eph 2.13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For **he himself is our peace**, ...

D. Why the WORLD is a Mess!

If God is so good, and all He made is good, and all His plans and story lines are SHALOM and not EVIL, **why is life so painful? Why do good people suffer? Why? Why? Why?** This was Job's question wasn't it?

1 Jn 5.19 We know[‡] that we are from God, and **the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**
NKJV lies *under the sway of*

So there it is! **The entire kosmos, or system, has been downgraded, or degraded from SHALOM into EVIL, that which is inferior, diseased, and harmful.**

The world we see, hear, and taste around us **is not** the system our Heavenly Father intended, it has been highjacked, devalued, counterfeited and given back to us as "the real world."

We hear people say, "I don't know where you get that stuff, but I live in the **real** world."

Here is the TENSION we walk in:

5:20 And we know[‡] that the Son of God has come and has given us **understanding***, so that we may **know** him who is **true**; and

we are **in him** who is **true**, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the **true** God and eternal life. **[Slide 3]**

We perceive that **we are FROM God.**

We perceive that the **Son of God** has **arrived** and is **present.**

He has given us a mind, ***DIANOIA**, (**METANOIA** – a transformation of the **NOUS** so that it can think the thoughts of God) so that we can **KNOW EXPERIENTIALLY** Him who is **TRUE** (REAL, GENUINE – NOT COUNTERFEIT).

We are **IN THE GENUINE ONE.** He is the GENUINE CREATOR, REDEEMER, LOVER, TRINITY, and this is the endless LIFE.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Last thought, **BEWARE OF DISTRACTIONS** (IDOLS). Which can be negativity, needless complaining, etc.

Free from the way of the world:

Rom 1:21 For although they knew God, they **did not honor** him as God **or give thanks** to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

III. The WAY Forward!! (Unlimited Access)

To get back into the PROMISED LAND we need an ENTRY POINT!
How or where is the ENTRY POINT?

Ps 100.4 Enter his **gates with thanksgiving,** **[Slide 4]**

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

5 For the LORD is **good**;
his **steadfast love** endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

A gate takes you into a different realm, jurisdiction, or atmosphere... a different reality.

Gates are entry points into a **structure**, a *kosmos*.

We **enter** HIS gates with a simple act, **THANKSGIVING!**

No one is complaining, or crying needlessly in Heaven.

Thanksgiving acknowledges that YHWH is good ALWAYS and IN EVERYTHING, and that all the suffering, disaster and evil of this present age is a temporary illusion.

NOT RECIPROCAL — ACKNOWLEDGING HONOR and SOVEREIGN POWER

Will this be TOO HARD, TOO COSTLY, TAKE TOO MUCH TIME??

What is it costing you to be stolen from, lied to, kept as a slave and a prisoner? **How much time are you wasting** feeling sorry for yourself, questioning God's goodness, wondering if He's forgotten you?

This is the BEST THING to which you've ever applied yourself!

IV. Recovery and Restoration

You can change your future and the future of your children, in fact, the future of the WHOLE of CREATION! God said and then God saw. We say before we see!

A. The Will and Testament of God! (FULL INHERITANCE!)

1 Thess 5.16 Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** **give thanks** in all circumstances; for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus **for you**.

(4.3 sanctification)

23 Now may the **God of SHALOM** himself **sanctify** you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 5.18 And do not get drunk with wine, ..., but **be filled with the Spirit**, ... **20** **giving thanks always** and **for everything to God** the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...

I wake in the middle of the night I give thanks. I often wake up saying "Thank you, Jesus." I usually end my day giving thanks to God for his mercy, the kind people in my life, good events that have occurred.

It's **the time in between** that is challenging!

Not RECIPROCITY, but SOVEREIGNTY

B. Giving Thanks Opens Up the Mysteries of God

The EUCHARIST εὐχαριστέω εὐ + χάρις

Luke 22.19 And he took bread, and when he had **given thanks**, he **broke** it and **gave** it to them, saying, "**This is my body**, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Thanksgiving transforms the ordinary into the supernatural! It opens up the mysteries of another realm. It is the GATEWAY!

Always and for Everything

David... Paul... Daniel

Dan. 6:10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and **prayed** and **gave thanks** before his God, as he had done previously.

Jonah

Jon 2:7 "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, ... **9** But I, **with a song of thanksgiving**, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."

V. What to Do? Set off a Gratitude Explosion!

THINKING & THANKING

Existence of Universe, Nature

Bees, frogs, squirrels, The snail, the rhinoceros, the grizzly bear, the toad, the wasp, the spider, the shellfish, have their delights.

Elephant has 40,000 muscles in its trunk. Human body 640.

Human Mind, Perception, Human Hand — What you can do.

Human Joys — in relationships

Thanksgiving! (*The lens of reality*)

2Cor 9:15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

No whining, no complaining, no needless tears!

Pressures Agendas Narcissism

(I'm not perfect, I'm just cooperating with Holy Spirit to become aware of Goodness.)

I will speak, release a GOOD OVERFLOWING LIFE!

Psa. 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and **[Slide 5]**

all that is within me,
(bless) his holy name!

10,000 REASONS

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes