**Psalm 105:1-5 Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! 2Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! 3Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! 4Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore! 5Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth.**

We’re now 18 days from Thanksgiving. Today, we’ll continue our look at Thanksgiving and gratefulness to God. Psalm 105 opens just a little differently. We’re again called upon to Give thanks to the Lord, but in weeks past that has been followed by His mercy endures forever. We’ll see that again next week and the next, but this week, we see something different.

Verse 1 says *Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name;* Call upon His name. Seek Him while He might be found. Diligently seek Him. Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you. Hebrews 11:6 says *- For he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.* When we seek something, there’s work involved! There’s furniture to be moved, cupboards to be searched, closets to be emptied! Seeking God isn’t like scanning the channels with a remote control. We must diligently seek, until the breath leaves us, until fatigue finds us, until at last we lay hold of the most precious of pearls, the most priceless of treasures, Jesus Christ.

*Make known His deeds among the peoples!* The Great Commission commands us to do just this. When God blesses us, we make it known. When God saves us, we make it known. When God comforts, heals, protects us, we make it known. Too many of God’s people are neither seeking nor making deeds known. We are a lazy people expecting God to seek us, consuming rather than serving.

Verse 2 *Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!* Psalms are hymns, sacred songs. These verses would have been sung to the people. Sing to God. Sometimes, I’ll be here praying and all of a sudden I break out in song to God, praising Him. We’re to sing to Him and meditate on God’s wonderful works. What we meditate on, what we concentrate on, will occupy our time. The words used here have the sense of talking over the miracles that God has done in our lives. Talking it over to others – making known His deeds among the people.

Verse 3 *Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!*The word here for glory means praise. When we praise, our focus must be on God and His Kingdom. We rejoice to have the opportunity to seek the Lord while He might be found. Too many hours of prayer are spent praying as a consumer – God give me, help me, protect me. Our prayers are to be outwardly focused not inwardly drawn. We wake in the morning thanking God for His miracles, past, present, and future. Our question must never be, “God what can You do for me today?” but instead, “God, how might I use all You have given me to impact Your Kingdom today?” When I listen to my prayers, does it sound more like I’m giving my mama a Christmas wish list… or asking God for my Kingdom worklist? It’s something to consider.

Verse 4 *Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*We rejoice that we are given permission to seek The Lord. Given my history, my rebellion, my disobedience, God has every right to turn His face away from me; yet, He welcomes me. He wakes me in the morning with a desire to seek Him and pursue Him another day. Isaiah 40:31 says *But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint*. I’m honored to seek His strength. I’m humbled to seek His face. He owes me nothing, I owe Him everything. My debt could never be repaid and Christ stepped in and settled my account forever – but I had to seek Him.

Verse 5 *Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth.* We have only to remember who set the limits of the sea, set the stars in the heavens, and created a wondrous world to see His marvelous works. His marvelous works are in the laughter of a child, the smile of a friend, and the touch of a loved one. We need go no further than our own mirror to see a miracle of God. But, just because they’re there, doesn’t mean we remember them. Just because we’re blessed, it doesn’t mean we remember we’re blessed. We must choose remember. The world can blind us so badly, the noise can deafen us so soundly, the worry can baffle us so completely that we forget to remember the marvelous works of God.

This week – Call to Him, Make Him known, Talk of Him, Seek Him. Glory in Him, Rejoice in Him, Thank Him, Praise Him. But above all, Remember Him and His marvelous works. Remember His wonders done in your life. Praise Him for the miracles given daily. Psalm 145:3 says *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.* Oh give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy endures forever.