## **GOD's Mixing Up Great Things For YOU!**

A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. "LORD, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "LORD, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And LORD, You know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But LORD, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm



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fresh biscuits. So LORD, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what You're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until You are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, my Friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN! **Submitted by Jon Shepard** 

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# **BER 2020 - Volume 25, Issue 11** by Barbara Carmack

What if you were on the first boatload of passengers arriving from England, ready to take on anything in this new land? What would you expect to see? Remember, you came from a rather civilized nation across the Atlantic, although you didn't have what you were seeking Religious Freedom.

Fourteen years after they arrived at Cape Henry, Virginia, the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving in 1621, wanting to express their thankfulness and their appreciation to their Creator. Most Americans feel as the Pilgrims did and are thankful for their freedom. Thanksgiving Day is an expression of their faith and of their gratefulness to GOD for all of the blessings He has lavished upon them and upon the United States of America.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving, may you recognize the love and grace poured out on you from above, and lift up praise from your heart! Be Pro-Active; lift your hands right now to GOD Almighty! Get those lips moving -Let your praise arise from Psalm 100:4-5, "I will enter into His gates with Thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with Praise: for the LORD s good, His love is everlasting!" Have you dedicated your home, your peaceful dwelling place and all it contains to the LORD, your GOD? GOD promised you a peaceful home: "...a peaceful habitation and a secure Iwelling place as you sow beside the waters of Blessing." (Isaiah 32:18)

As you sow into the Kingdom of GOD in thankfulness, GOD will multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness: "This generous **GOD** Who supplies abundant seed for sowing will supply every need and nultiply the seed AS YOU SOW IT (you've got to sow it!), so that the harvest of your generosity will grow. For when you take your gifts to those in need, it causes many to give THANKS to GOD!" (II Corinthians 9:10-11) May you remember this passage as you gather together with family and friends surrounded by an abundance of riches and blessings which GOD has given you. Here's a poignant illustration of thankfulness:

Thanksgiving Day was near. The first grade teacher told her class to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. Most of the class was economically disadvantaged, but the teacher thought they would draw the usual Thanksgiving pictures. But Douglas drew a different picture. Sad-eyed Douglas, who would stand close by her side during recess, drew a hand...just an empty hand. His abstract image captured the imagination of his peers. Whose hand could it be? One child quessed it was the hand of a farmer, who raises turkeys. Another suggested a police officer, because the police protect and care for people. Still others quessed it was the hand of GOD because GOD feeds us. Later, the teacher paused at Douglas' desk, bent down, and asked him whose hand it was. The little boy mumbled, "It's yours, Teacher." She recalled how often she had said. "Take mv hand. Douglas. we'll go outside," or, "Let me show you how to hold your pencil," or, "Let's do this together." Brushing aside a tear, she went on with her work. This story speaks of more than thankfulness: "People may not remember what you said, or what you did, but they will remember how you made them feel!"

Your Thanksgiving Blesses GOD!

keeping America Great?

Isaiah, the prophet gave such important Scripture for the end times. It is imperative that you recognize the importtance of the following Scripture because it has everything to do with the world you're living in. He wrote in Isaiah 3:12 Passion) "Woe to the wicked, for they will get exact-

ly what they deserve, childish leaders oppress My people, and women rule over them. O My people, they mislead you and send you down the wrong road!"

You are seeing this in the graphic violence and strong women's rule in Scripture that is literally being fulfilled. Liberal leaders say that Pres. Trump is to blame, but the responsibility actually lies in the laps of the leadership of each state. May you keep praying for the land of the free and the home of the brave:

Father GOD, we thank You for Pres. Donald J. Trump who has delivered on everything he promised. Bless him and his family and friends with protection on every side and health, and may everything that his hand touches be prosperous and successful,

"And let the Favor of the LORD be upon us and our country, and confirm the work of our hands and the work of the hands of President Trump and his administration, and make it lasting, in JESUS' Might Name, Amen!" (Psalm 90:17)





and in the midst of everything be always giving **THANKS, for this is GOD's Perfect Plan for you in Christ JESUS....Now may the GOD of Peace and** harmony...make you completely holy!" (I Thessalonians 5:18, 23 THE Psassion)

## Your Harvest of Righteousness...

Being thankful affects everyone around you...you can create an atmosphere of praise and thanksgiving, and people around you will benefit from what you do and what you project with every breath you take. The words that come out of your mouth are seeds that produce fruit; they can produce a great harvest of righteousness or they can bear a crop of thorns and rotten fruit. "Death and life are in the Power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit!" (Proverbs 18:21) JESUS said, "You will know them by their fruit." (Matthew 7:16) May you realize how important your words are to the Body of JESUS Christ in becoming a Doer of the Word of GOD....

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust

OURS... to fight for

- If you plant goodness, you will reap friends
- If you plant humility, you will reap greatness
- If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment
- If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective
- If you plant hard work, you will reap success
- If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation



"...we exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance (endurance), and perseverance, proven character, and proven character, hope...and hope does not disappoint, because the Love of GOD has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us!" (Romans 5:3-5)

## Was For Freedom...

**By Barbara Carmack** 

Praise GOD for the heritage that you have...for if it wouldn't have been for your Mom and Dad - good or bad - you wouldn't be here and vou would've missed all that GOD has planned for you!

As I look back at the sacrifices of my grandparents on both sides, I realize that they did it for much the same reasons as the Pilgrims who came across those rough seas, not knowing what to expect in this foreign land...strange language and strange customs.

My Mom and Dad's parents came over because of the war raging in Germany and Russia. The marauding Bolsheviks, the Russian Social Democratic Party, which was renamed the Communist Party, seized power in the October Revolution of 1917. That's when Grandparents Henkel and Sigwardt made their way across the



1945 - Ralph & Lydia Henkel (Barbara's parents), George & Barbara Henkel -David & Molly Sigwardt

Atlantic to a new country - freedom that U.S. citizens take so lightly. Molly Naeb (my mother's mother), was 16 vear old and left behind as she was recovering from pneumonia. In Germany, Alexander Naeb (my great-grandfather) had owned much land and even had governesses for the children, until the Bolsheviks invaded and destroyed everything in their path. When my grandparents arrived at Ellis Island, in order to live here, they had to have sponsorship, which led them to Windsor, CO and Ft. Morgan, CO, working as laborers in beet fields. So Molly went from being a pampered girl in Germany to crawling the beet fields of northern Colorado. When they fled Germany, they basically had the clothes on their backs...and no records of ancestry came over with them. My grandpa Henkel, who escaped hiding in a wagon-load of hay, eventually owned four 160-acre farms near Brighton Colorado. They all met each other for the first time when they attended the same church in Brighton.

Molly and David fell in love, married and raised eight children, Lydia being second to the oldest. Grandpa Sigwardt quickly learned English...he was proud to be an American. He was a very successful farmer and ran a dairy as well, which, in 1955 had the highest milk-producing Guernsey in Colorado. They became prosperous through hard work. And being German did not stop their sons from fighting the Germans and the enemies against the U.S. in WWII. I grew up knowing that my grandparents loved GOD, and they were strong on trusting in Him, because He had given them the freedom they had sought, both physically and spiritually.

"LORD GOD, we thank You for all Your blessings. In the hard times give us the strength to continue to give You the thanks and the praise You deserve. Help us to honor Thanksgiving as a tribute to You...in JESUS' Powerful Name, Amen!" BY GOD'S STRENGTH, WE CAN THANK HIM EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!





"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of

GOD in Christ JESUS"....even though we haven't been able to be with the children and the elderly at Home of Refuge in Peru, we are so grateful that GOD is taking care of the volunteers who are keeping the orphanage running

smoothly, with on-line learning and instruction for the children.

I have put everything in His

hands and my GOD is taking care of the people that Rosa and I care about. Thank you for being a support in every endeavor of our "saving the lost and loving the unlovable!" GOD watches out for each sparrow and He will watch over you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, Tony & Rosa, Home of Refuge - Peru

