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"Thanksgiving Day, made a national holiday in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln, celebrates the feast the Pilgrims held after their first successful corn harvest in 1621. What many Americans fail to remember is that Thanksgiving is not just about being thankful - it's about being thankful to the one true God.

One of the Pilgrims, Edward Winslow, wrote a letter before the feast to let a friend know of the successful harvest, and he had this to say: 'These things I thought good to let you understand ... that you might on our behalf give God thanks who had dealt so favourably with us.'" *David Gibbs*

The Bible speaks often of the importance of giving thanks throughout all of Scripture:

"Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the nations, and I will sing praises unto Thy name." 2 Samuel 22:50

"Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people." 1 Chronicles 15:8

"Sing unto the LORD, O you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness." Psalm 30:4

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1

So this season of gratitude, give thanks to God for His Goodness, Faithfulness, and Love (*John 3:16*)