

God is not the God of hustle and bustle and stressful preparations. As a matter of fact, God taught that we should quiet down and sit before Him. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10) David wrote about the importance of being still and taking in God's word. "I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways." (Psalm 119:15) Perhaps the best way to design any holiday season is to make time into the schedule for Thanksgiving prayers and meditation. When looking for reverent holiday devotions, turn to Colossians 3:6-7, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him... as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Or, when wanting to pray thoughtful Thanksgiving prayers, turn to the Psalms. "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; to the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever." (Psalm 30:11-12). Celebrate the real reasons for the season by preparing Thanksgiving devotions to share and praying to God with gratitude.

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