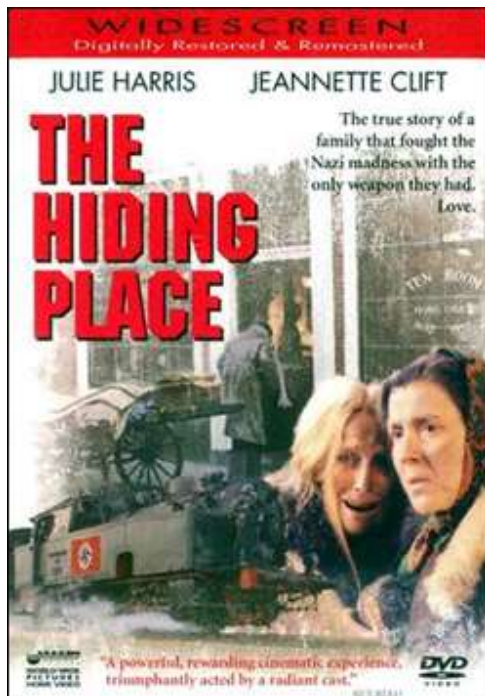


Anything in common ?



Psalm 118

*Give thanks to the
LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

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What we should do.

contrast

complaining vs. thanksgiving

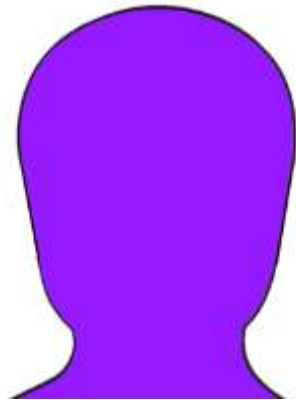


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Who should be thanked ?

The LORD = YHVH = Yahweh, Jehovah

his identity and character revealed
Exodus 33 & 34



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Why we should give thanks

He

man & woman in his image but not called “she”

is

not in Hebrew text – the word is assumed
so we could say “ he was, is , will be”

good

God’s essential quality: power **and** goodness

Do you believe it? Do you know it by experience?

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A prime example of his goodness

His love

a hard word to put into English

Psalm 23 his goodness and ???

Mercy, (favour usual word), loving kindness

best equivalent = covenant grace Chesed

ie. **He is committed to loving you!**

endures

Not present in text

forever

“to the age” through the present age
into the age to come.

It has an eternal quality because God is eternal.

**New Testament continuation:-
Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by
prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which
understanding, will guard your
your minds in Christ Jesus.

transcends all
hearts and

THANKFULNESS

**IS THE SOIL IN
WHICH JOY THRIVES.**



But it's NOT a pretend thankfulness

"Weep with Those Who Weep"



Still there is a profound gratitude
as Corrie ten Boom discovered

The Last Chapter : more reasons why we can give thanks to God

- 1, No more tears etc.
- 2, We shall be like him

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2



Jesus' Example



At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

Matthew 11:25-26

always giving thanks to God
the Father for everything, in
the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Ephesians 5:20



Let's do it !!!