

# Thanksgiving Is Unique Holiday, Minister States

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of the Pilgrims' as a focal point. What can be learned from this act of piety of the Pilgrim Fathers?

We hear much today about religious experience and there is probably nothing more common. In the broad sense of the phrase, anyone who has ever attended a single church service, anyone who has ever read, heard, or said a prayer, has had, to some extent, a religious experience. This is the way of necessity. Our experience is made up of all that we have seen, or heard, or done, and there are a great number of religious symbols abroad in the world. Whether the effects of our religious experiences ever do anything to our life is another question but at least there are few who can say that they have never had the experience of something in connection with religion. This incident in the life of the Pilgrims' is a little different from most other experiences of a religious nature. How can it be of any importance to us today?

In the first place, I believe this religious experience of the Pilgrims' can have meaning for us today because it was a national religious experience. As they gathered together to offer their thanksgivings to God at that first autumn festival, we can see there the first body of Christians in New England. In that act of thanksgiving, in that act of worship, they gave, unknowingly, the American nation of the future a beautiful heritage. They left the nation with an act of piety that has never been forgotten. Here was a group of the country's first settlers who found the time and inspiration to designate a particular time to offer their special thanksgivings to God. It was an expression of the entire group and it was designated by the civil authority. In a sense, the day is still observed as it was in its beginning. It is a national holiday appointed by the civil authority when all people are to offer their thanks to God. The Government has appointed it, not the Churches and though we enjoy separation of Church and State in this country, it is not absolute.

The day is unique in another way since it is the one day in the year when, as a whole, the various bodies of Christians throughout the country join for a service of worship. Exactly what is taking place here today. And the feeling of modern Christianity is perhaps no more clearly demonstrated than in this one fact; that it has to depend upon outside authority, the authority of the civil power, before its various denominations will come together to worship. Instead of the churches taking the lead and making the effort to understand each other better, we have waited for this one day each year to witness to our common faith in God.

Although the fact of coming together to worship is a fact for which all Christians should be grateful, it is a fact beyond which all Christians bodies must strive to advance. The Churches in America must make more of concerted effort to understand each other better and Christians ought always work and pray for such understanding to occur. The world has become too strong for a divided Christendom. Whereas this condition almost encourages Christian bodies to fight and compete against each other, a united Christendom could concern itself chiefly and wholeheartedly to those main enemies of God, "The World, the flesh, and the devil". The disunity of the Christian Church is the great sin against our Lord and the restoration and healing of that breach must be continually in the forefront of all Christians. The Church is the Body of Christ of which Jesus Christ is the Head and all baptized people its members and before it can ever succeed in bringing any kind of peace to mankind, it must first find unity, harmony and peace within itself.

A second truth which, it seems to me, we can garner from this religious experience of the Pilgrims' is the very simple, plain, and obvious example of their giving of thanks to God. They did not have to do so but they gave thanks because they were grateful. No one or nothing other than their religious consciousness compelled them to gather and worship. And their example, which gave birth to the day, also showed the way in which it should be observed. If we are to be true to the idea embodied in this holiday, we will offer our thanksgivings

to God. That is why, I hope, you are here today.

In his autobiography G. K. Chesterton makes this distinction between the Christian and the atheist. He says that the difference between them lies in just this one thing - the ability to be thankful. An atheist, he says, is a person who takes everything in life for granted and the Christian is one who takes everything in life for gratitude. To the atheist, the thought never occurs how wonderful the world is, even at its worst, and how wonderful it is that he should be here to see it. The Christian he says on the other hand, is grateful even for the miraculous beauty of the dandelion on his front lawn; he holds it in his hand and wonders what he has ever done to deserve the privilege of seeing a thing like this with its face like the glory of the sun in miniature. "Yes, the Christian is the person above all others who ought to be thankful. We thank God for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life but above all for his inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thanksgiving Day is not a day primarily for the family to gather around the table, laden with turkey, cranberries, potatoes and gravy, and all the other delicacies of the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner, but it is first and foremost a day that Americans - especially American Christians - are to render their thanks to God. Of course, that special dinner will help make the day significant but if any person enjoys the meal without having first acknowledged his thanks to God in the fellowship of the Christian Church, he has not observed the day at all. He may have enjoyed it and had a lot of fun but he has followed neither the custom of the Pilgrim fathers, nor the recommendation of his government nor the wishes of his church.

That the Pilgrims enjoyed themselves on this day can be seen from a description of their first Thanksgiving. We are told this about them in the recent study of their colony, in the book, "Saints and Strangers," "as the day is still observed as it was in its beginning. It is a national holiday appointed by the civil authority when all people are to offer their thanks to God. The Government has appointed it, not the Churches and though we enjoy separation of Church and State in this country, it is not absolute.

The strain on the food supply was somewhat eased, however, when some of them went out and bagged five deer. Capt. Standish staged military review and there were games of skill and chance. For three days the Pilgrims and their guests gorged themselves on venison, roast duck, roast goose, wild plums and dried berries as dessert all washed down with wine, which the Pilgrims praised as "very sweet and strong". And so the Pilgrims knew how to and did enjoy their days of Thanksgiving. They too, we see, had making the effort to understand each other better, we have waited for this one day each year to witness to our common faith in God.

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# Two Cars Crash On Main Street

Mrs. Marvin Bonds suffered a neck injury, believed to be slight, in an automobile accident on West Main Street, a short distance east of the highway underpass, last Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Mrs. Bonds was driving her 1940 Chevrolet east and slowed down for traffic. Dr. W. F. Coppage, driving a 1950 Ford, did not have time to stop and struck the rear of the Bonds car. Local officers, investigating the accident, estimated the damage to the Ford at \$250 and that to Mrs. Bonds' car at \$30.

# J. T. Barnhill Funeral at Home Here Wednesday

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The Planters and Merchants Bank in Everetts, serving it as an officer for a number of years. He was also active in organizing the Peoples Bank in Williamston. Surviving besides his widow are four sons, Garland G. Leaman and J. Thomas Barnhill, Jr., all of Williamston, Abram P. Barnhill of Robersonville; two daughters, Mrs. F. F. Pollard of Bethel and Mrs. R. Vernon Bunting of Williamston; one sister, Mrs. Nathan Rogers of Bear Grass, and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff, James M. Perry and Olin Fox. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

We live in a country where, scientifically, we have more conveniences than any people have ever enjoyed. The wonders of medicine have given us the chance to live longer and in better health. These things and others we enjoy because we are members of society; we are members of one another and of the human race which has provided these things through its accumulated industry and intelligence. Every person knows best the blessings he has received individually from God and with the help of the Christian fellowship, he should always continue thankful for additional blessings.

When Guglielmo Marconi invented the wireless telegraph, the first message which he transmitted over the machine were the words, "What has God wrought?" In spite of all the work that he has done on the experiment, in the knowledge of the discoveries which scientists before him had made leading up to information in that field of telegraphy, Marconi saw that behind all of that human endeavor, God was to be recognized first. The sound waves were his creation; the mind of man was His greatest creation, so the inventor recognized God as the source of the discovery. He said not, "What has God wrought?"

What has God wrought in your life for which you ought to be thankful? Family, friends, home, work, whatever it is, be thankful to God and show your thanks "not in words only but in deeds". Thank God for himself and for His Son; thank Him for his Houses of worship which help you to learn of Him and provide a place for you to worship Him. Thank Him for the privilege of knowing Him though that worship and prayer. Do we, like the atheist take all these blessings for granted, or do we, like Christians take them with gratitude? Gratitude is the test and gratitude is the criterion. If we follow the example of the Pilgrim fathers, we shall both look for our blessings from God and then go on to offer our thanks unto Him.

These three truths then come to us from out of our nation's past as a reminder of the meaning of Thanksgiving Day. We see some of our earliest forefathers gathering together to express their thanks to the Almighty God who had sustained them and given them of the fruits of the earth. Their hearts were filled with gratitude. It was a national religious experience which this nation honors and observes. And they met together to offer their thanks only because they looked for and found first of all in their lives those things that God had done for them. We commemorate this day with our thanks to God and we pray that we shall never fail to see those things in our lives which God has wrought and for which we ought to be thankful. "For it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto His name."

# Farm Bureau Has 2,076 Members In County To Date

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that hurt the price was the fact that those who stored potatoes last year lost money; also acreage was larger and the yield was low this year. He stated that 10 percent of the crop wasn't harvested and that many farmers stated they will not plant sweet potatoes for a number of years to come.

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**FOR SALE: USED BICYCLES,** five boys' 26", in good condition. Repainted. Very low in price. Western Auto Associate Store.

**FOR SALE: TWO ELECTRIC** ranges, one large size and one apartment size. Cheap. Western Auto Associate Store.

**FOR SALE: FOUR USED OUT-**board Motors, good condition. \$25.00 to \$50.00. Western Auto Associate Store.

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