

# Grateful Heart

**Genesis 12:17-15:1**

**and**

**28:12-22**



# **What is the appropriate, worshipful response of our grateful hearts?**

- **Eat some turkey?**
- **Serve at a shelter?**
- **Or offer God something  
to show our love**



# Victories Achieved

- **Blessed be [person]**
- **Blessed be (or praise be to) God Most High**
  - **Melchizedek**
  - **Jesus**
  - **Priests of the Most High**
- **When we look back on past victories, we give from a grateful heart**



# Victories Assured

- In the present blessing, we often
  - Are reminded of the promises of God
  - Are reminded of the presence of God
  - Are inspired to the worship of God
  - Are inspired to make vows to God
- When we receive His promise, we give from a heart assured God will continue working as we experience him today



# Victories Anticipated

- When Jacob is at Bethel, he has nothing to give, but promises to give from what he receives
- You can always set a stone as a pillar
- We give out of gratitude for what we trust God will do in our future as a way of reminding ourselves to anticipate God's future work in our lives



# God wants to teach us the blessings of gratitude

- **James 1: 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.**
- **Join Abraham and Jacob in giving from a grateful heart as you experience the touch of God**

