THANK YOU LORD

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"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land to which I bring you, Then it will be, when you eat of the bread of the land, that you shall offer up a heave offering to the LORD. "{Numbers 15:18,19} This is the key to remind the people that because of God's longsuffering, mercy, and love they would finally receive the land.

God knew how forgetful His children were. After taking the land they would forget why they had been victorious-by the hand of God! God wanted His people to be truly thankful for what He had done for them and His constant care for their well-being.

God's people had two choices in all these matters-obey or reject His counsel. How could they forget all the things which He had done. Crossing the Red Sea, Exodus 14; The Song of Moses and the waters at Marah, Exodus 15; The manna for food, Exodus 16; God speaking to the people, Exodus 19; The great law given to them, Exodus 20, The building of the tabernacle, Exodus 35-40. The guidance of the cloud as they journeyed, Numbers 9.

The first generation would die in the wilderness due to their unbelief. "The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. "{Numbers 14:29} So when they entered the Promised Land they had better not forget to thank the one who made all of it possible-God.

We too are forgetful people. Do we understand that all the things we enjoy come from God's bountiful hand? "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning "{James 1:17} When was the last time you prayed to your Father just to offer Him words of thanks? Husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, children, friends and brethren are the relationships we have and enjoy because of the love of God. Are we the thankful people we should be? Tonight, thank the Lord-He truly deserves it! ***