

The Role of Thanksgiving in the Atonement

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Beloved and holy and only Child of our Heavenly Father, Child of the one Source, child of light divine. That is who you are. I am the one known as Jeshua ben Joseph -- Jesus, you have called me -- and it is in great joy that I come to abide with you this evening your timing as you have chosen once again to call me forth.

Is it not a joyous occasion to come together in this manner? Yes. To celebrate once again the reunion of the family. For sometimes you will take the bodies to other parts of your country, take the bodies out of the sight of the physical eyes and you think that one has gone away and there is a longing, the heartstrings, there is a longing that the heart feels and that the heartstrings are pulled. And when you come back together again with the embraces, the hugs, the eyes that laugh and smile, then the heart opens and knows true love and knows true life.

A grand evening. I am so happy you are here. (To an infant) A master, yes.

This is an evening of joy. This is an evening where there will be, already there has been, celebration and there will be more of celebration. For you have a holiday coming up, a holy day that you are setting for yourselves once again. And I would ask of you, first of all, why do you set holy days for yourself? What is the purpose of a holy day, a holiday? Why do you have them?

For remembrance, yes. That is true. To have a holy good time, yes. To celebrate, appreciation and gratefulness, a time with family. Time to remember the holiness of the family.

That is why in truth, you set all of your holy days for yourself, is so you will take hopefully, a moment to celebrate the real reason of life. Not to get all caught up in the activities of what needs to be done for the holiday, or the holy day, but to have a moment at least of remembering the true reason for the holy day. Remembering your holiness and the holiness of each brother and sister and the feeling that comes with thankfulness.

For I would speak with you in this evening of the role of thanksgiving in the atonement. I don't suppose you have ever thought of that as thanksgiving as having a role in the atonement. Usually brothers and sisters think of Thanksgiving as a day to have off from the employment, a day when you will have the special foods, the dishes cooked and you will stuff yourself as much as can be and then you will come back after an hour or so and eat some more at the table. And that is okay. That is part of the joy of the physical life.

When you walked this earth with me we had many feasts together. We had much of the celebration together. I did not just sit with you and teach you as great serious rabbi all of the time. In fact most of the time there was great laughter. For in truth, life does not have to be and is not a heavy matter. It is not a serious matter.

Although habitually the way of humankind has been to look upon all of the activities, all of the relationships, all of the challenges as opportunities for heaviness. And even the ones who will say, "I will look for the good in this," often would say, "What is it teaching me?"

And yet, every experience, you do not bring upon yourself to teach you, for in truth, you already know. It is not that you would be a wayward student and you have to be knocked about the head so that you will learn something. But it is to remember and to celebrate that which you are from before time began. And thankfulness, gratefulness, it is one of the steps to knowing true atonement.

You have known for yourself many challenges in this life. You have known for yourself many challenges in other lifetimes. For you have decreed that you will know the adventure, you will know all of the roller coaster. You will know the depth and you will know the height. You have said, "When I reach the height then there is going to be the great sweep into the depth again. And then up, hopefully, with enough momentum to go up the steep grade one more time."

And I share with you this evening, that your roller coaster ride, you are already in the upswing of it and this time you are choosing to stay at what you would call the height, as a plateau perhaps we will call it, the mountaintop and not have to descend into the depths where you have known life to be in other times.

You are choosing more and more now to look upon the occurrences of life and to say, "Yes, this could be viewed with heaviness, with seriousness. This could be viewed from the place where the buttons are pushed and I feel great anger, great emotion. And that is good to do, to recognize the feelings.

But you are also choosing in the next moment to say, "How can I see this anew? How can I look at what is happening in other way?" And you are not spending the time that you have done in other lifetimes where you spent the whole lifetime in bitterness, in sorrow, in desolation. But you are choosing now to recognize those feelings, yes, you have been there and you know those feelings. But you are choosing now to say, "How else can I look upon this? Where is the joy in it?" Yes, and then you see the joy when you look for it and you see great love.

This is a time in the next few years when you have decreed there will be many changes. Already you have come through in this lifetime many changes. We have spoken of this in other meetings, other times when we have been so gathered that this lifetime for you and for all of the brothers and sisters is a lifetime of completion, of going back to whatever issues have seemed to be not quite known to completion and to relive them not in the specifics, but in the place of the feelings.

In other words, it may not be the specific events but the feelings that come up are ones that you have known and experienced other times and you have asked now in this lifetime, "I want to have that feeling so that I can look upon it in a new way and see the holiness of it."

So you can look back on times, segments of this lifetime and you can say, "It seems like I have lived a lifetime in just a few years. I have completed in relationships, I

have completed in employment, I have completed in the stages of life what seems to be many lifetimes just in this lifetime." It is as you would look upon certain chapters in this lifetime, this book of this lifetime.

You are completing, you are coming to the place where you now say, "Yes, I have been there. I have done that and I have now come up over what used to be the habitual way of looking at it. I have released the heavy, heavy bonds, the chains that I have felt kept me tied to that issue."

Some of the issues have been very strong. You have wrestled with them. Other issues have been more easily completed. You have not even known you have completed them, and yet there was a touching, a connection, an indication that was made. But some of the issues have been quite intense and you have wrestled with them and you have asked, "Where is the love in this? Where is the truth in this?" And you have come, praise be to the Christ of you, you have come to know the Christ that will see you through every temptation. For you have been in place where there is great temptation to abide in sorrow, to abide in limited understanding, to abide in limited self-image. And you have asked for the Christ.

And when you ask for the Christ it will not be denied you. For in truth, it cannot be denied you. That is who you are. And you have played for awhile in a reality that has said that Christ would be afar off and yet it is the Christ power of you that has allowed you to play within that reality that has set certain boundaries and certain limitations.

So when you ask for the Christ, it cannot be denied you. When you ask for wisdom, when you ask for guidance, instantly it is given to you. You have experienced this. You have asked and there has been an answer. And then you have said, "Well is that really the answer? Give me another one." And you have played around with it a bit. And then you have come back and you have said, "Well, the answer that I got in the beginning, perhaps I didn't understand the whole of it. I didn't understand the holiness of who was giving me that answer. I didn't understand the holiness of my Self. Now I see it anew."

And so you will find that you spend less and less time in the place of confusion. Less and less time in the place where you feel bound by the heavy chains of habitual world belief. Yes, you know world belief. Yes, you recognize it. But you also recognize that there is a greater wisdom. You also recognize that you can call upon more of your Self to see you through whatever challenge will be there.

Now you have identified this help as being outside of yourself. You have called it Jesus, you have called it Jeshua, you have called it by all names and ascended masters. You have called it by the name even of God and have put God as afar off upon a pinnacle somewhere.

But if you will receive it, you are not separate from any wisdom. You are not separate from any one, as you would identify them as being an individuated energy apart from you. There is no separation.

As I spoke that I and the Father are one, it is true that you and the Father are one. You and the brothers and sisters that you see with the physical eyes, you are one with them. You have felt this, a certain rapport within the heart that the mind did not know, but the heart knows. You are not separate from the ones that you would call unseen. How can you be separate from them? You call upon them. They hear you. They answer you, because in truth, it is you who answers you. That is how great you are.

And you are moving now into a place, a place of atonement. I have spoken on this subject of atonement many times and I will continue to speak on the subject of atonement until it is realized, made real within your remembrance and your experience as the Truth of your being.

And there are certain tools, certain aspects of life that help, that benefit in the remembrance of the atonement. And one of them we will address this evening called Thanksgiving. You bring for yourself a holy day once a year to be thankful for all that you have.

Now I would suggest unto you that you make it everyday, not just one day of the year, but that in everyday when you first allow the awareness of a new day to come within your consciousness that you take stock of how wonderful it is to have the awareness of a new day. To have the light, to have the knowing that this day that stretches before me is completely new. What I will do in this day I am the one who writes what I will do in this day. It is new land upon which I have not yet set foot. It is a new day as a gift for me. And I will be thankful that I have another day to walk, to experience, to love, to give.

Now so often habitual experience has been to wake up in the morning and say, "Oh my God, another day." Well yes, God hears you. You have called upon God. God will walk with you throughout that day. But usually the feeling has been, "Oh my God, I am alone in this day. What am I going to do with it? Not another day to suffer through. Not another day of questions. Not another day of loneliness. Not another day of wondering and then falling short."

Now you are at the place of understanding that each new day is your gift to yourself. For in truth, you are the one who decides whether you will awaken in that day and activate the physicality. No one else, no one else decrees that you have to be alive, as you call it, in that day. You are the one who makes choice to activate the body in that day.

Now, if you have the power -- and you do -- to make such a momentous decision why not make the choice to live it in joy in that day? In other words, not to go as the feeling of the victim that says, "I wonder what my boss is going to say? I wonder what the mate is going to say? I wonder what my friends are going to say?" My so-called friends as you have said. Not to go as the victim who is wondering, you know, what is going to befall me in this day," but go as the great being that you are into the gift of that day that you are giving yourself. Take hold of it. Live it. For you are the one who has decreed that you are going to activate the body one more day. You are the one who has agreed that you want to be in life experience.

And with such power of decision, which is yours, then bring it to bear upon that day. Awaken with great thankfulness, "I have decided for one more day. What will I do in this day? Who will I see? Who will I smile at? Who will I give my love to?" And everyone that you think of, you can send your love to. You do not have to be in the same physical proximity with them. You do not even have to use the mechanical means to call them or to write them. Anyone you think of, immediately you can be in love with them, send them your love and wish them well.

You behold the love in this room. How does it feel to know love? Wonderful. It allows the heart to open. The shutters of the heart that have been so tightly closed because you thought you had to defend yourself, those shutters, when you love they are thrown wide open for a moment or so and perhaps longer. And you feel at ease with yourself. You feel happy. You feel loved because you are giving love. And as you give love, you are in it. You are blessed by it and that feels good. It is a great place to abide.

So in everyday make it a thanksgiving day. In everyday when you awaken, take hold of that gift. Choose who you will serve in that day. Will you serve the world that speaks of problems? That speaks that there could be threat of punishment, of criticism, of non-love? Or will you serve the love? Will you serve the joy? Will you serve the Light and bring that light into everything that you do? Choose you in everyday whom you will serve.

Now, why would that be important? In the adventure it is important because it matters to you. It matters to you as you live that day. In truth, there is always love. In truth there is always Isness, but within the adventure it matters a whole lot to you as to whom you will serve. Because you are the one who gets to live with that energy are you not?

And you know the feeling of waking up in a morning and saying, "Oh, oh, today I have to do...", something that you don't want to do. You know the feeling of the stomach that grabs you. The feeling of fear. You know where fear sits. It sits right here. But you also know the feeling when you decide that you are going to take charge and you say, "Okay, whatever this day brings me I am going to be in charge of it. I am going to decide how I go in this day. I am going to love me, and I am going to love the others that I see. I am going to smile at them. And if they want to receive that smile that is good, and if they do not, so be it. I give it free anyway. I am in charge of this day."

And the ego, it will say, "Who are you kidding?" But as you choose one day, choose just one day. In other words, you don't have to take on all days all at once. But as you choose one day and you say, "Okay this day is mine. I am going to live this day as the master that I am." And you live that day in such a feeling of power. Not the feeling of worldly power, but of true power of the being, the Christ being of you that is activating the body, that is orchestrating everything that happens in truth, in that day, you will find it addictive. You will find it so uplifting that you will choose for it in the next day and the next day and the next day. And if you find yourself slipping, you will know it. You will feel it right away and then you have opportunity for choice once again.

The role of thanksgiving in the remembrance of the atonement, it is a most important aspect of life. What we will speak about in this evening sounds simple and in truth, it is. But it has great import for as you will choose to be the master, as you will choose to take hold of your life, as you will choose to live in thankfulness for everything that you experience, you turn around the perception that has been held for so long that you would be separate from the Father, that you would be separate from your good, that you would be separate from love.

As you choose to live as the master that you are, as you choose to live in thanksgiving in every moment. You are choosing then to live in great power. And that power is experienced as a feeling.

What we speak of in these evenings when we meet, we speak of concepts, we speak of ideas and the ideas are as catalysts for the remembrance of the feeling for that is truly where you live is in the feeling.

But how you approach it is through concepts. It is through choosing moment by moment to practice. It is by choosing how does it feel just for a moment to live in the state of happiness, a state of unlimited joy? A state where you know yourself to be loved no matter how many mistakes you think maybe you've made. But to know that you are loved in this moment, truly loved, for you are.

You have never sinned. You have played. You have made choices. You have tried out certain choices to see how they would feel and you reaped the harvest of those choices, but you have never sinned. And there is no heavy guilt upon your shoulders. All that has been forgiven for in truth, it never existed. You only thought that you could have heavy burden of guilt.

And yes, you brought forth many brothers and sisters, teachers, rabbis, priests, great authority figures who would say that you had sinned, that you had gone astray, that you were very, very stupid. And it was said often enough that you began to believe it. And yet in the lifetimes when you believed it there was a still small voice that spoke within you and said, "But I am good. I am lovable. I am more than just this personality, this individuality. I am. I am alive. I have worth. If I am alive I have worth." This still small voice has spoken to you.

And even in times when others would give you the message that you were worthless, the still small voice said, "I'm not sure that's true." In fact the still small voice knows that you are worth valuable, you are the treasure, you are the Christ." You are the one having the adventure.

And as you will choose to live in thanksgiving, you move yourself into a new perspective. The place where you are no longer the victim of outside circumstances, the victim of other people's decisions, the victim of other people's emotions, the victim of other people's perception of you and of the world. You release yourself from the karma, the cause and effect of the world belief.

And if you will receive it, no one else can release you from that except yourself. You are the one who has bought it. You are the one who has played with it and you are the one who decrees when you are finished with it.

And as you will choose to live in thanksgiving, as you will choose to live in a place of joy, in a place of light, in a place that celebrates you move yourself out of the seeming power of others and you take back once again your own power. You take back once again the remembrance that you are that power. And it moves you then into a place of knowing the oneness with the Father. The place of knowing oneness with all that is.

Because you celebrate everything that is. You give thanks for everything. And you begin then to behold even what has been looked upon previously as being imperfect and you behold it in a new light. You behold it in holiness. And where there has been limited understanding then comes true wisdom.

And as you will claim the wisdom and live from that new perspective, you cannot help but allow the heart to open and to move into a place of true love of Self. The one Self of you. And the atonement then is remembered and served.

The atonement is not served as you lived from the place of victimhood. For in that place you do not know oneness with the Father, you do not know oneness with the power of your own being. You do not know oneness with the love which is yours and is you. For when you live in the place of being victim you give power to others to decide how you are going to feel, how you are going to believe, how you are going to look upon and judge everything that happens.

But as you will choose for thanksgiving, as you will choose for joy, for celebration you take back what has always been yours. You take back your true power. And you will see your world transformed because you will transform it. You then, will understand that it is no one else orchestrating your life. They cannot. They can make great suggestion, and they do, but they cannot in the ultimate decision orchestrate your life for you always have free choice.

And as you move into that place of knowing your power, your true power, your power of choice, your power to choose for joy and for love and for all the light, you manifest then in your world that which you see as good. You cannot help but manifest in your world that which you see as good. And you will say your world has been transformed, and indeed, it will be.

You have experienced that already. You have come through experiences that were most horrendous to the place where you have said, "Enough already. I am complete. Now I choose for joy. Now I want to know what else there can be besides sorrow and confusion, anger, judgment." And as you have come to that place then you have taken hold of your power. You have said, "No one else is going to direct my life. I am in charge. This day I will choose whom I will serve." And as you have taken that power and given great thanks to yourself because you recognize in that instant, that holy instant, that you are powerful.

You come to the place of atonement, that place of at-one-ment. Where you know, truly know past the place of concept, past the place of just good words, you truly know I and the Father are one. I am life. I am that which I am and I am powerful because I am that which I am.

So what we are speaking of in this evening, though it sounds simple, thanksgiving, it is most powerful as an aspect of moving you in the shift of perception from the place of feeling victim to the place of knowing at-one-ment. And in truth, it is simple. Not always as the human ego will look upon it, easy, but simple yes. It is to choose in every moment whom you will serve. It is to choose to lay hold of the power that you are and to give great thanks for who you are and for what you see in your world.

All of you so gathered in this room and those within the sound of my voice, have experienced seeing your world transformed. You have experienced seeing love come into your life once again. You have experienced seeing the life change. Who has changed it? Who can change it? Only you, yes. Only you. And that is wonderful because it shows you how powerful you are. You have choice every moment as to how you will see what is going on, how you will act, how you will interpret and how you will respond.

And all of you have been seeing change. You have been seeing more and more love in your life. You have. You have asked for it. And now you are ready and you are willing to see more love in your life. Sometimes it pops up when you least expect it, and in ways that are surprising and wondrous, and quickly. For what used to take a long time, as you measure time, now you are accomplishing in just days of your timing.

You are accelerating because you have said, "Enough already. I have time yes, but I am going to use it to make choice, to make changes. I am going to get on with it." And sometimes it will mean that you have to get over it, whatever "it" is that has been bothering you. Just get over it, which means to come up over, does it not? Get over it. Don't just stand there and think you are blocked by it. Get over it. You can, and you have done that. You have said, "I'll either go around it, over it, under it, but it is not going to hold me back."

And so you have been seeing more and more love, more and more joy, more and more fulfillment of desires. More and more hope. Know you what a gift you give yourself with hope? You give yourself a breath of inspiration with hope. You begin to take hold of the power that you are with hope. Because as you will acknowledge hope, that means you are no longer holding yourself in the black pit of despair and the black place of saying that someone else has power over me. You are taking hold then with hope, taking hold of your own power. Hope is one of the greatest gifts that you give yourself.

And you say, "Well, I can't help but have hope. Even in times when I have felt everything to be black as black, still there has been a small glimmer of hope." You may thank God for that. That your God Self, you, for that. For it is built in. You build in hope, and it is a great gift and it goes hand in hand with the thanksgiving, does it not? Hope, it is something to give great thanks for. For it lifts you up from the darkest places.

As you will practice the feeling of thanksgiving, as you will practice looking upon everything that happens with new eyes, celebrating everything that you see in your experience and moving into the power of at-one-ment, moving into your true power in the recognition and the remembrance of who you are. You will shed the old cocoon, the old encasement of who you have thought yourself to be.

For you have gone through much of this adventure as you understand the adventure to be encased, bounded on all sides by a belief that said, "I am only just this much," and you have defined yourself often in terms of the physicality, often in terms of what the physical body told you you could do.

And you have encased the Christ within a very small bit of the whole of you. And you have called that your reality. But that reality is with a small "r", and that reality is only part of the Reality of you, the whole Reality of you. And as you move into the atonement, the at-one-ment, as you move into that place of truly feeling thanksgiving, truly giving thanks to yourself because of who you are. The old casing is broken and drops away. And you begin to understand yourself as the beautiful being that you are. You begin to understand yourself as the Christ that you are. And then the thanksgiving comes easier and easier and easier and you cannot help but be in thanksgiving because you are taking hold of this new perception of who you are and you cannot be held back.

You have had this feeling, there's been the glimpses that you have experienced even in this lifetime of it, exhilaration, a moment of true exhilaration, of revelation, of inspiration that has uplifted you out of that activity, that moment of whatever the world activity was and you have felt yourself to be someone else, somewhere else. You have felt an exhilaration of energy, you will call it, a vibration that is not of this world. You were so turned on that you felt alive, truly alive.

As you live in thanksgiving and the old casing is dropped, released, broken, discarded, you are moving into, it has been defined as fifth dimensional energy. It has been defined as Christ energy. It has been defined in many different ways, and it matters not what you call it. What matters is the feeling of it. As you move into that new vibration you are going to understand why you didn't see it before. That has been asked over and over. If I am this holy being, if I am more than what I know myself to be right now, why don't I see it?

You don't see it because you are so vast that you use the power of that vastness to focus upon a tiny aspect. As you would look upon the raiment and you would focus on one thread. One particle, the thread of that raiment. One small bit, and you do it very, very well, this focusing.

But the encasement, it is now being broken. It is now already feeling in the signs of breaking. It is showing some signs of wear and tear for it is old. And it is breaking apart to the place where you will know that I am all that has ever been. I am the power that has brought all of this into being. I am even that which I have called God.

Now in your traditional religious philosophical organizations, that statement would be blasphemy. And you have known the truth of that statement in other lifetimes and you have spoken of it in other lifetimes to the place where the brothers and sisters who did not want to hear that decided that they must get rid of you, and you have known many lifetimes of being ridiculed, of being persecuted, of being cast out, physically cast out of the group, the village to the place where you knew the activation of the body no longer.

So you have come into this lifetime with a certain lineage of experiences, certain baggage, we will call it, that you wish to release now. But also certain baggage this is very strong that suggests to you that when you open the mouth to speak truth, oh, oh, is it going to be safe?

But you have tested. You have put the toe in the water. You have tested here and there, perhaps I can speak a word of truth, of love to this one. Perhaps I can even do a paragraph to explain and I will say, well this is my truth. It doesn't have to be yours. It is mine. And I express this to you because it has brought comfort to me.

And you are finding that yes, it is safe. In this lifetime it is safe to speak your truth, to speak that there is inspiration that goes beyond the world's knowing. That there is goodness beyond the world's understanding. That there is revelation that takes you out of all of the bondage of the world belief. It doesn't mean that you ascend the body and you are no longer here in the experience, but it means that you walk this experience understanding who you are and that transforms the experience.

You are in the world but not of it. Yes, it is safe in this lifetime now to find ones of the heart with whom you can be truly in love, truly open, truly vulnerable, truly defenseless. And you will find your power, your true power in that defenselessness.

For the holy Child does not need to be defended. In truth, the holy Child cannot be defended. The holy Child is, whole, complete, wonderful. And is that not great cause for thanksgiving?

In this year of your holiday when your holy day comes upon you and you awaken in that morning, hopefully between now and then you will have been practicing, you will awaken and you will give great thanks for the power of you that allows this day to be yours.

And you will come into that holy day with a new understanding of what that Thanksgiving is all about and the power of the Thanksgiving. And you will smile at each one even if the certain dishes do not perhaps rise the way they are supposed to with the heat, or if they get a bit too brown with the heat, or if they do not have enough of the seasoning or if they have too much of the seasoning, it will not matter.

The great thanksgiving will be in the heart. And as you practice living from that place of thanksgiving in the heart, it brings you to the place of knowing at-one-ment, of knowing the true being that you are, the power of that being. And you will make of the feast on that day, you will make it a communion. It will be a holy feast. You will celebrate it as a communion. Not with the ritual that the church has said you have to do. But the communion of knowing that I am the power which has brought this experience to my table. I am one with everything that is upon my table. I have manifested it. For it is true, it would not be there without your power to manifest.

And each and everyone gathered around the table, I am one with them in love and they with me. And you will make it a true communion. You will remember the common union. That is what communion means, common union. The oneness. You will not see separation. And if others speak from a place of separation what is that to you? You will smile and you will love. You will be as the Father. You will allow them whatever they

feel necessary in that day's drama. But for you, you will be in a place of the communion, in the place of thanksgiving.

This is true for everyday as you go in the spirit of Thanksgiving. You will see brothers and sisters living not from the place of thanksgiving, not understanding who they are, not understanding the great power of who they are. Not knowing that they are manifesting what they experience. And you do not have to get in there and save them.

You have tried that. And what did you get for it? Yes, you got a bit of a battle. What is that to thee? If they have certain drama yet that they desire to be living, watch them in their drama. Applaud them. Say how well they are doing in that drama. How well they know to play those parts. For they do. It is a game.

In truth, at a certain level, they know it is a game. As you have known the game when you were engaged in it. So allow them their drama. What is that to thee? Choose you whom you will serve. The spirit of Thanksgiving and know the true atonement. The true power of who you are. Already you know that. You have felt that from the time you were the size of this one and before. And you have come with the experiences of the world, you have seen opportunity for ones to be in great criticism, judgment of each other and yet you have known how to look upon that and to love them, appreciate them anyway.

And to say, "Oh well. That is their thing." And that's true, that is their thing. But for myself I have tried out their thing and I didn't like it. So I am going to choose something else. That is what you have done. You have come to a place of great peace because you have known you have choice. Each and everyone of you have choice.

You are testing your wings. You have been coming out of the cocoon and the wings have sometimes felt a bit new. But you have been testing them. You have been flapping them around a bit and drying them off. You have been testing the strength. And now you know that you can fly. Now you know that you can bring love into your world and you can see it all around you. And you transform your world because you give thanksgiving for what you see.

Even for what has seemed to be the years of the locust, the times in this lifetime when things have not been what you would call good. You now can look upon those times and you can give thanks for those times. For in truth, those times have brought you to the wisdom where you are now. They have brought you to the place where you acknowledge your own great strength. For you were not done in by those experiences. No matter how devastating they seem to be. Where are you now? Those experiences did not devastate you.

All of the seeming power of those experiences and now you know your own great strength, your true strength of the divine being that you are.

So even the years that the locust hath eaten, those experiences in the years gone by, you can give great thanks even for them. That is not the way the world sees it, but it is the way the Christ speaks. For the Christ knows his own power, her own power.

The Christ knows who it is, and that power then moves you into the place of knowing true at-one-ment.

So celebrate in this your year, your thanksgiving, your holy day, your feast day. Have a feast. Enjoy the physical for the body again, is your gift to yourself to be enjoyed. Not to be put down. Not to be denied, but to be enjoyed. Why do you have the sense of taste? You have put that as a gift to yourself so that you can enjoy what you eat, what you put in the mouth. Why do you have the sense of the smell? It is to allow yourself to know oneness with the aroma. You have felt that sometimes, there has been such an aroma and you and you have said, "I am transported with that. I feel myself to be one with that aroma." Great gift the senses are that you have given yourself. Great gift, the physical. It is a great gift that you give for the life experience. So do not deny it. Have your feast. Eat, enjoy, be merry. Do not stuff yourself to the place where it is uncomfortable. Enjoy. And then remember why you celebrate the holy day.

Know true thanksgiving and know why you give thanks and to whom you give thanks. It is to your Self, that Self that is becoming known now as you are ready and willing to drop the encasement of who you have thought yourself to be. I will speak one moment about that and then we will finish.

You are moving now into a time, a beautiful time of awakening. It has been called that. A time of remembrance. Remembering what? Remembering who you are. Remembering the holy Self of you. The encasement that has been within the belief system has served you within this part of the adventure. It is part of the scripting that you wrote into this part of the adventure. You have said, "Okay, I want to know an encasement. I want to know just this bit. I want to believe that this is all there is of me. Just this, this body, this lifetime, this personality." And so you have played it over and over, you have changed the roles, you have changed the script, you have exchanged scripts with others and you have said, "Okay, this time you be the king I'll be the servant. Naw, this time I want to be the king." Etc. The curtain has gone down and you have exchanged all of the scripts and you have played them over and over.

But now you are moving to the place of great wonderment, a beautiful place where the encasement now is being discarded. As you would see, you have in your history, you know the armoring of the knights, the medieval knights who went out to do battle with all of the heavy armoring about them to protect them. Great awkwardness. Great rattling, as it would move around. Not too much flexibility. Do you see some of the symbolism in this? Not much flexibility.

And you have done this for yourselves. You have encased yourself in great armoring because you thought you had to protect that Christ being of you, the innocent child of you, the holy Child. But now you are saying, "Okay, new script. New reality. I want to know the awakening. I want to know the remembrance of the total Self of me, the I AM of me." And the encasement is breaking and is being discarded somewhat as you would see piece by piece. Sometimes easily as the onion skin, the layer. Other times as a great chunk of heavy lead and gone. And you feel much lighter after that heavy lead is gone, do you not?

You are moving into the place now of understanding that you are not only the drop of water within the ocean, but that you are the ocean itself and you are an ocean that is infinite. You are the ocean that Is. The Isness, and out of that Isness you have taken a tiny part of consciousness and encased it in a reality that has said, "This is all I am and I don't know where I have come from and I don't know where I am going and I don't even know if there is any help outside there for me." And all the while you are the ocean of Isness that allows you to know the encasement of the tiny bit of consciousness.

Now you are moving into the understanding and remembrance that I Am the Isness that has allowed all of this to be. All of this that I know in this awareness, all that I can imagine and more. I am all of the universes that I can imagine and more. I am even more than the universes. I am more than anything physical. I Am that which gives birth to everything. That is what you are moving into in the remembrance.

And the thanksgiving of which we speak, it is an important tool, an important step in the remembrance of the atonement, the at-one-ment that will allow you then to release the perception of the encasement. Do you see why when I come and I speak with you in these times, I say I come with great joy because I know that which you are and I love that which you are. Because I know my Self and I love that which I am, the Christ, the infinite wondrous Being that is beyond even the concept of Being. Come once again incarnate for the joy of it.

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Break time