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Thanksgiving Treasures

Hopefully we all have Thanksgiving memories that we treasure in our hearts and minds. Hopefully and prayerfully we have many more memories to make in the future, including this Thanksgiving. Some of my most treasured Thanksgiving memories are spending Thanksgiving at my Grandmother's house where I grew up in Pennsylvania. We would watch the local Berwick Marathon as the runners ran by my grandmother's country home and then enjoy a seeming endless array of food. All the aunts, uncles, cousins, and some family friends, all enjoyed a meal, telling stories, laughing. The great thing about times like these is that they're not only a great experience at the time; we can carry the memory with us for a lifetime.

Of course there was no "Thanksgiving Holiday" in Jesus' day, but Jesus was part of a family (**Mat.12:46** *While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him.*) and I'm sure they shared special times together and made lasting memories together. Certainly the family was conceived in the mind of God and meant to be a blessing during our short stay here in this world. (**James 1:17-18** *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (18) He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.*)

As we enjoy another Thanksgiving with friends and family this week let's thank God for the memories past, as we savor the present. Recognizing and appreciating that gifts like these come directly from the "Father of heavenly lights" who knows how to give good gifts. In doing so we'll be following Mary's example as she cherished the memories with her family.Ken Heaton