

SOME THOUGHTS . . .

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!"

-Abraham Lincoln *Proclamation of National Fast Day, March 30, 1863*

" . . . Happy Thanksgiving!! May God remind all of us all day long of even the little things we forget to thank Him for. Like a family enjoying each other so much that they're liable to wake up the baby. Remember this holiday when 'together' seems like 'too-much-together' to let people off the hook easily because you're not dependent upon them to affirm you. Christ does that for you. Make a choice to laugh things off instead of taking an offense. Have a blast because God is good. Show Him how grateful you are with your joy . . . "

-Beth Moore (*Living Proof Ministries*)

"On Thanksgiving Day all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment — halftime."

-Unknown

"No more turkey, but I'd like some more of the bread it ate."

-a Dennis the Menace cartoon caption, by Hank Ketcham

"I awoke this morning with a devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new. Shall I not call God the Beautiful, who daily showeth himself to me in his gifts?"

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Christmas is coming! That is a fact! It found its way onto the shop shelves with the trappings of Halloween pumpkins and Thanksgiving turkeys. It interrupts schedules and budgets and plants its trees on roof tops and over busy streets and in secluded corners of homes and in our hearts. A jolly Santa Claus, the grandest of chimney sweeps, dusts off the stains of moth balls and becomes the poster boy of the calendar.

"Christmas is coming! It is quite proper for Christmas to interrupt the timing of our lives because the reality within it divided time itself into B.C. and A.D. God interrupted history's routine, choosing to send the gift of His very best . . . Himself: one Holy Child in the wrappings of a manger . . ."

-Jeannette Clift George (*A. D. Players*)