

## Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?

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In **Psalms 2:1** and **Psalms 46**, this question is asked, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"

In this Psalm, David had just taken in battle all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, see in **2 Samuel 5:17**. David consulted the Lord and God gave him the battle, thereby overthrowing the whole of his enemies. So, in the first place, we may suppose that this Psalm is also written to celebrate this event that included all of David's enemies. Then, in the second place, we find from the use made of this Psalm by the apostles (**Acts 4:27**) that David through prophecy was typifying Jesus Christ, that the Psalm celebrates the victories of the Gospel over the Jewish unbelievers and all the confederate rulers of the heathen governors in the Roman Empire, commonly called the Gentiles.

And, the second part is, why do the heathen rage? This was the attitude of the haters of Jesus, crying with anguish, "Crucify him!" The very sound of this cry is the meaning of the cruelty and indignation of this unbelieving people.

Then, the third part, why do the people imagine a vain thing? It was a vain thing indeed to attempt to pervert the Lord's church from being built just as Jesus said in **Matthew 16:13-15**. The empire of our Lord is his church, his kingdom, which had its beginning in **Acts 2:14-47**. Still there are those that believe in vain that Jesus has not yet built his kingdom. In **Colossians 1:12-13**, it says that he "hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son," even saying that the church, the kingdom, and the body was one and the same.

Why then, do people profess to be worshippers of the Lord today if there is no kingdom now?

Who said it is right today when people desire to

imagine things in their minds that are not proven by the Scriptures? Many today think that it is alright to commit spiritual adultery by claiming to be married to Christ and they add an additional name to their claim. The only name that a truly obedient sinner is to take is a Christian only, even without and never adding extra baggage to their title. This is called bigamy in the Law of the Lord. Anyone who claims to be married to one and then adds another is called a bigamist; our Lord calls it adultery! Read **Romans 7:1-4**. See if it is there! Also **Matthew 19:1-9**.

Then again, why do some imagine that our Lord gave several plans to save us from sin? He himself said, "I am the way the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the father but by me." Why do people throw common sense to the wind and imagine that there are many ways to Heaven? Jesus gives us five simple steps to be converted, 1. to hear him only (**Matthew 17:5**, **John 5:25**), 2. to believe that he is the saviour (**John 3:16**, **John 8:24**). Then; 3. we must be willing to make the change called repentance (**Luke 13:1-5**, "except ye repent you will perish"). 4. Jesus said in **Luke 12:9-10** and **Matthew 10:32-33**, that we need to confess our faith in him before men. Let me point out that there are many imagined confession of actions made by men, but there is only one in the New Testament (Read **Acts 8:37**). "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God," said the Eunuch. So, why imagine anything else? Then the fifth and last step is, let someone baptize you in enough water to simulate your burial and have it so noted that it is for the remission of sins! (**Acts 2:38** and **Romans 6:3-6**). Why imagine anything else when the Bible is so plainly spoken?

In closing, I ask, "Do you desire to get to Heaven?" Do you want to have salvation from your sins? Do you want to truly know which church is actually trying to obey the Scriptures? Then, do not leave it up to your imagination. If you have not done these things you are not sure of a home in Heaven. Hard word, you bet! Visit with us, ask questions, obey what is truly written. Then and only then, will you have a good conscience.

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## Kitchen Diva Thanksgiving for Breakfast

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Since I was a child, my day-after-Thanksgiving breakfast has always been the same. I pick out a bowl and place a layer of moist, vegetable-studded dressing, green beans or cabbage, corn, a slice of turkey and a dollop of cranberry sauce. I warm up my "Turkey Bowl" in the microwave and enjoy a few moments of solitude before everyone else wakes up.

I like using the leftovers from our Thanksgiving dinner as a delicious foundation for a flavorful breakfast. Most of the ingredients from a traditional Thanksgiving dinner can be transformed into a hearty breakfast -- with a few tweaks.

Try these recipes for Thanksgiving Breakfast Hash on Mashed Potato Cakes and Turkey and Dressing Frittata, and let the feasting continue!

### THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST HASH

- 1 cup leftover mashed potatoes, at room temperature
- 1 large egg, plus 4 for frying
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 5 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped
- 8 ounces diced leftover turkey meat, about 2 cups
- 1/2 cup leftover turkey gravy
- 1/4 cup leftover cooked corn kernels
- 3 green onions, roots removed, white and green parts diced

1. Heat the oven to 200 F.
2. In a bowl, mix the potatoes, egg and milk together until combined. Add the flour, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper, and mix until smooth. Heat 2 teaspoons of the oil in a large, non-stick skillet over medium heat. Pour about 1/3 cup of the batter into the skillet.
3. Gently spread the batter into a circle about 4-inches wide, and cook, flipping once, until golden brown, 3-4 minutes per side. Transfer to the oven to keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter.
4. Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in the skillet over medium-low heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the red pepper and cook until softened, about 4 minutes more. Add the turkey, gravy and corn and cook, stirring, until turkey is heated through. Season hash with salt and pepper. Pour into a bowl, cover with foil and set aside.
5. Heat the remaining teaspoon of oil into the skillet over medium-high heat. Crack the eggs onto the skillet and cook until desired doneness. To serve, put a warm mashed potato cake on each of 4 plates; top the cakes with even amounts of the turkey hash and top with the fried egg and sprinkle with the green onions. Serves 6.

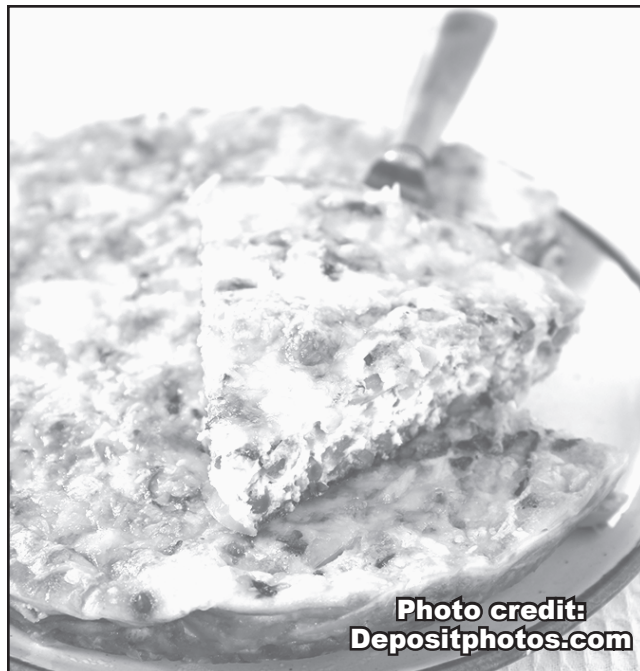


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### TURKEY AND DRESSING FRITTATA

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups leftover stuffing
- 1 cup of diced leftover turkey
- 1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 large eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley, optional

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Place the olive oil in a non-stick skillet and turn heat to medium high.
2. Mix stuffing and turkey in a bowl, then put mixture in the bottom of pan to warm through. Sprinkle grated cheddar cheese over top.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, poultry seasoning, red pepper flakes, nutmeg and the salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over stuffing and cheese, making sure to cover the stuffing. Sprinkle Parmesan over top.
4. Carefully transfer to preheated oven. Bake until the eggs are set and the sides have puffed up a little bit, and cheese is golden, about 15 to 20 minutes.
5. Cool before cutting. Sprinkle with fresh parsley, if desired.

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For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

Detail of window in the church of St. Agnes, Isles of Scilly, U.K.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. To keep Adam and Eve away after the Fall, what did God place around the Tree of Life? Smoking pits, Deep moat, Cherubim with flaming swords, Walking vipers
3. In 2 Samuel 12, what personality did God name Jedidiah?

David, Amos, Solomon, Joab

4. What "type" water did Jesus offer the Samaritan woman at the well? Fresh, Cool, Living, Clean
5. From John 10, to what type animals are Christians compared? Camels, Sheep, Lions, Serpents
6. Which was a type of food as found in Exodus 16:15 and other verses? Yoke, Manna, Prodigal, Mina

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comes from a word that means "extraordinary, not to be surpassed by anyone and wonderful!" He is so overwhelmed by God's blessings on his life that he wants everyone to hear about it.

"I will be filled with joy!" Joy is the natural state of the one who trusts in the Lord. Knowing that "all things work together for our good" should cause His joy to radiate from our hearts into our heads and out through our hands. Everything we do should be done with a smile on our face and gladness in our eyes.

"I will sing praises to Your Name, O Most High." Notice that there is only one letter different between the word "sin" and "sing" - the letter "g" - that stands for God. When we give up sin for the Savior, God gives us a new song to sing. It is a song about the Savior who loves us, gave Himself for us, is present in us and cares for us.

**Thanksgiving**

An attitude of gratitude is always obvious. If we are grateful for what God has done for us and given to us, others will see our appreciation of it in everything we do. David gave us a fourfold formula to follow.

"I will thank You Lord, with all my heart." The thanksgiving he describes is total and consumes all of his being - his entire self. The word he used for heart would include his consciousness of God's presence, his memory of God's goodness and his awareness of God's grace. He worshiped God with excitement, enthusiasm and expectation.

"I will tell all of the marvelous things You have done." Marvelous

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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PROVERBS 31:8-9

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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The Believers' Prayer for Boldness (Acts 4:29-31)

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

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