

## HOW TO BE BLESSED

**TEXT:** *Acts 20:35: I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the Words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".*

**Introduction:** The Holy Scriptures reveal God to us as the BLESSING GOD. He delights in blessing His people. In the very first chapter of Genesis, we find the Lord blessing both Adam and Eve as well as all His created creatures.

**Genesis 1:22:** *And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.*



**Genesis 1:28:** *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Then all the way through, the Bible records many ways in which God shows His love for mankind by blessing them physically, spiritually, and materially (financially). From Genesis to Revelation you will find God as being a good God to all.

**Psalms 145:9:** *The LORD is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.*

In the last book of the Bible, there are seven times mentioned of God pronouncing His blessing on certain individuals. In essence, these special blessings from the Lord are best described in **Proverbs 10:22**.

**Proverbs 10:22:** *The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.*

I would like to share with you this subject on "How to be Blessed" under three headings:

### I. WHAT DOES BEING "BLESSED" MEAN?

## II. IN WHAT WAYS ARE WE TO BE BLESSED?

### III. TWELVE WAYS - "HOW TO BE BLESSED"?

#### I. THE MEANING OF "BLESSED":

When we are blessed, we are made happy, or made successful, enriched, and in a deeper sense adored or praised. So, in order to be blessed, we should know How to get Blessed.

In the first Psalm, we are introduced to a truly happy man. Only he is happy who really knows what it means to be blessed of the Lord God. Thus, the apostle Paul could express, in words of sublime grandeur, the overflowing joy of his soul by saying:

***Ephesians 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ.***

Here, he is praising the Lord for blessing him with the blessings of God that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it.

Would you like to be in this blessed company? God wants to be your Blesser. We need to be on blessing grounds in order to receive God's surpluses. I will be dealing with these conditions to being blessed in the third part of my message to you. But, let me say right here, lest you be turned off by thinking of Conditions or Requirements to be fulfilled by you, that not one is beyond their capability of meeting.

**God's blessings are not complicated to obtain. They are easily accessible to all, just as you would do good for your loving and obedient children to show your appreciation for their commendable behavior.**

## II. IN WHAT WAYS ARE WE "TO BE BLESSED"?

There are three areas in which the Lord wants to pour His blessing upon all of us. They are: financially, physically, and spiritually. The one verse in 3 John 2 embraces all three of these important concerns of our lives. I shall take them up for discussion in just this order.

***3 John 1:2: Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.***

## 1. Financially, God wants to bless all of you.

Perhaps the Lord placed this one at the top of the list because He knows this is the place where most of us are hurting. Or, it could be that this is the area where most of us are showing the greatest interest. There is a God-given prosperity which He provides for those whom He can trust. We are told these words in **2 Chronicles 26:4-5**:

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***4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.***

***5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.***

God has the power to give wealth to His people, as He tells us:

***Deuteronomy 8:18: But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.***



How much is detailed in:

**Deuteronomy 15:4-6:**

***4 Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall greatly bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it:***

***5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.***

***6 For the Lord thy God blesseth thee, as He promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.***

## 2. Physically, the Lord delights in blessing us with good health.

In **Jeremiah 30:17** He promises us: I will restore health unto thee. Yes, there are several conditions set forth as in:

**Exodus 15:26:** *And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.*

**Proverbs 4:20-22:**

<sup>20</sup> *My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings.*

<sup>21</sup> *Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

<sup>22</sup> *For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

**Isaiah 58:8:** *Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.*

You will be delighted to know that God will take care of your physical problems, when you take care of the spiritual problems. When we remove the cause, God takes care of the cure. Jesus told the paralyzed man whom He had made perfectly whole, to go and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon him:

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**John 5:14:** *Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

### 3. In 3 John 2 it says:

*I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

A healthy soul will make its candidates for a healthy body and a healthy bank account.

**2 Chronicles 24:20:** *And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the*

***Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, He hath also forsaken you.***

***Deuteronomy 28:***

***<sup>1</sup> And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the Voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His Commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:***

***<sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the Voice of the Lord thy God.***

***<sup>3</sup> Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.***

***<sup>4</sup> Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.***

***<sup>5</sup> Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.***



***<sup>6</sup> Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.***

***<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.***

***<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and He shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.***

***<sup>9</sup> The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself, as He hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the Commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in His Ways.***

***<sup>10</sup> And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the Name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.***

***<sup>11</sup> And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.***

***12 The Lord shall open unto thee His good Treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in His season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.***



***13 And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the Commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:***

***14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.***

***15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the Voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His Commandments and His Statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:***

***16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.***

***17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.***

***18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.***

***19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.***

***20 The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken Me.***

***21 The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until He have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.***

***22 The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme***





**burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.**

**<sup>23</sup> And thy Heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.**

**<sup>24</sup> The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.**

**<sup>25</sup> The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.**

**<sup>26</sup> And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.**

**<sup>27</sup> The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.**

**<sup>28</sup> The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:**



**<sup>29</sup> And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.**

**<sup>30</sup> Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.**

**<sup>31</sup> Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.**

**<sup>32</sup> Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in thine hand.**

**<sup>33</sup> The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:**

***34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.***

***35 The Lord shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.***

***36 The Lord shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.***

***37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee.***

***38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.***

***39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.***



***40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast His fruit.***

***41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.***

***42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.***

***43 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.***

***44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to Him; He shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.***

***45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the Voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His Commandments and His Statutes which He commanded thee:***

***46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.***

***47 Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;***



***48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.***

***49 The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;***

***50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:***



***51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.***

***52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee.***

***53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:***

***54 So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:***

***55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.***

***56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,***

***57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want***

***of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.***

***58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this Law that are written in this Book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, The Lord Thy God;***

***59 Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.***

***60 Moreover He will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.***

***61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the Book of this Law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.***

***62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the Voice of the Lord thy God.***

***63 And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.***

***64 And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.***



***65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:***

***66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:***

***67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart***



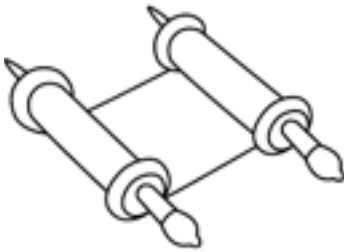
*wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.*

*<sup>68</sup> And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.*

In Joshua, the Lord re-assures us that He will prosper us wherever we go if we meditate in His Word and speak forth His Word into practice. Then we shall make our way prosperous and have good success.

*Joshua 1:7-9:*

*<sup>7</sup> Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the Law, which Moses My Servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.*



*<sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

*<sup>9</sup> Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

## TWELVE WAYS TO BE BLESSED:

1. God raised up Jesus from the Dead and sent Him to bless us, in turning away EVERYONE of you from his iniquities.

*Acts 3:26: Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.*

**When we live in sin, we are under the curse of God and under the sentence of Divine Judgment. Jesus was made a curse for us when He died on the cross and bore our judgment and suffered our just punishment.**

**Whosoever shall call upon the Lord shall be saved from their sins.**

**Acts 2:21: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**'Whosoever'** leaves out no one.

**'Shall call'** is something we all know how to do, for we have done it all our lives.

**Upon the Name of the Lord**, for there is no other Name under Heaven whereby we must be saved.

**Acts 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

We are wasting our time in looking to any man, or church, or creed for salvation, for our deliverance is only in the Person of God's dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**'Shall be saved'** is the promise of God and it is positive.

God guarantees you salvation at the very moment you call on Jesus, and there are no ifs, ands, maybes, or buts connected to this promise. Take God at His Word, and you will be blessed with salvation, peace of mind, and hope of a home in Heaven.

## **2. By obedience to God's Word, you can be blessed:**

**Genesis 26:4-5:**

**<sup>4</sup> And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;**

**<sup>5</sup> Because that Abraham obeyed My Voice, and kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My laws.**

**Leviticus 25:18-21:**

**<sup>18</sup> Wherefore ye shall do My statutes, and keep My Judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.**



***19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.***



***20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:***

***21 Then I will command My Blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.***

***Deuteronomy 11:26-29:***

***26 Behold, I set before you this day a Blessing and a curse;***

***27 A blessing, if ye obey the Commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:***

***28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the Commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.***

***29 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon Mount Gerizim, and the curse upon Mount Ebal.***

***Revelations 1:3: Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this Prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***

***Revelations 22:7: Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book.***

***Revelations 22:14: Blessed are they that do His Commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.***

- 3. You can have a two-fold benefit; it will be a blessing and also prosperity, if you bless the Children of Israel (the Jewish people).**
- 4. We can be blessed or made happy by pronouncing a blessing in the Name of the Lord upon one another.**



**Genesis 27:4:** *And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.*

**Numbers 23:20:** *Behold, I have received Commandment to bless: and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.*

**Deuteronomy 24:13:** *In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the Lord thy God.*

**2 Samuel 5:20:** *And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The Lord hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim.*

**Psalms 129:8:** *Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord.*

**Matthew 5:44:** *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

**Romans 12:14:** *Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.*

**1 Peter 3:9:** *Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.*

**1 Corinthians 4:12:** *And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:*

Special reference to the ministers of the Lord; they are to bless you in:



**Numbers 6:23-27:**

**<sup>23</sup> Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the Children of Israel, saying unto them,**

**<sup>24</sup> The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:**

**<sup>25</sup> The Lord make His Face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:**



***26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.***

***27 And they shall put My Name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.***

***Deuteronomy 21:5: And the Priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister unto Him, and to bless in the Name of the Lord; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried:***

***Exodus 39:43: And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the Lord had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.***

***Ezekiel 44:30: And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.***

***Hebrews 7:6: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the Promises.***

**5. We can obtain a great blessing by bringing our tithes into God's Storehouse, the church.**

***Malachi 3:10: Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.***



***Proverbs 3:9-10:***

***9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:***

***10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.***

***Matthew 23:23: Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier***

*matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

**Hebrews 7:1-10:**

***<sup>1</sup> For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;***

***<sup>2</sup> To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of Righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of Peace;***

***<sup>3</sup> Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.***

***<sup>4</sup> Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the Patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.***



***<sup>5</sup> And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the Office of the Priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the Law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:***

***<sup>6</sup> But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the Promises.***

***<sup>7</sup> And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.***

***<sup>8</sup> And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.***

***<sup>9</sup> And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.***

***<sup>10</sup> For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.***

## **6. We are blessed when we start praising and blessing the Lord.**

***1 Chronicles 29:20: And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the Lord your God. And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the Lord, and the king.***

**Hebrews 9:5: And over it the Cherubims of Glory shadowing the Mercy Seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.**



**Psalms 68:26: Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.**

**Psalms 96:2: Sing unto the Lord, bless His Name; shew forth His salvation from day to day.**

**Psalms 100:4: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.**

**Psalms 103:20-22:**

**<sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His Commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word.**

**<sup>21</sup> Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.**

**<sup>22</sup> Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**Psalms 134:1-3:**

**<sup>1</sup> Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the House of the Lord.**

**<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands in the Sanctuary, and bless the Lord.**

**<sup>3</sup> The Lord Who made Heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.**



**Luke 24:53: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.**

## **7. We can obtain a great blessing by walking in the fear of the Lord.**

**Psalms 115:13: He [the Lord] will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.**

**Psalms 128:1-4:**

**<sup>1</sup> Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways.**

***<sup>2</sup> For Thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.***

***<sup>3</sup> Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.***

***<sup>4</sup> Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.***

***Luke 7:16: And there came a fear on all: and they Glorified God, saying, That a great Prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people.***

***Acts 9:31: Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplied.***

***Acts 13:16: Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.***

***2 Corinthians 7:1: Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

- 8. God will even bless a sinner who shows favor towards the righteous and allows such to dwell with them.**

***Genesis 30:27 and 30:***

***<sup>27</sup> And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.***

***<sup>30</sup> For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?***

***Genesis 39:5: And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.***

- 9. We are blessed when we persevere in prayer and long for the blessing of God.**

**Genesis 32:26-29:**

**26 And He said, Let Me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.**



**27 And He said unto him, What is thy name?**

**And he said, Jacob.**

**28 And He said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a Prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.**

**29 And Jacob asked Him, and said, Tell me, I pray Thee, Thy name. And He said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after My**

**Name? And he blessed him there.**

**1 Chronicles 4:10: And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that Thine hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.**

**Psalms 28:9: Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever. [David speaking to the Lord]**

#### **10. You can be greatly blessed by living right.**

**Psalms 5:12: For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.**

**Psalms 67:1: God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; Selah.**

**Proverbs 3:33: The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but He blesseth the habitation of the just.**

**Proverbs 10:6: Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.**

**Hebrews 6:7: For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh off upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth Blessing from God:**

**11. We are given God's secret to a happy-blessed life.** It says:

**Psalms 1:1-2:**

**<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the Man Who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.**

**<sup>2</sup> But His delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in His Law doth He meditate day and night.**

**12. Giving.**

Now last but not least, God's secret to a blessed and happy life is found in my text and was taught by our Lord Jesus. Remember the words of our Lord Jesus, how He said: **"It is more blessed to give than to receive"**. The secret of real living is in GIVING. You can be really blessed when you give of your substance to help the poor and the needy. Many of you have already found this out, and can say a hearty AMEN. The Lord loves the poor and tells us:



**Proverbs 22:9: He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.**

**Proverbs 28:27: He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.**

**Proverbs 19:17: He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.**

**Acts 11:29: Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:**

**Romans 15:26: For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.**

**2 Corinthians 6:10: As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.**



The Jewish believers in the New Testament Church gave of their possessions to send the Gospel out to the Gentiles and literally spent themselves poor. Now the apostle Paul is bringing back to them a portion of the liberality of the Gentiles.

This shows that our giving to the poor is not restricted to putting food in their stomachs or clothes on their backs, but it is in giving them something far more valuable and enduring. Bringing them the Gospel to redeem their lost souls is to reap dividends for time and for eternity. Those who receive the Lord will bless you for all eternity for your loving kindness.

**IN CONCLUSION:** God so loved this whole wide world, that He gave His very best, His only Óegotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. You, too, can give Jesus to those who have never heard and be equally blessed. Yes, it is possible to give without loving, as in **1 Corinthians**, but you cannot really love without giving:

***1 Corinthians 13:3: And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.***

This is the true Christmas message and is the very heart of the Gospel.

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