

## THE BLESSED MAN

***“But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream, it does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:7-8)***

People speak about luck or chance; they say that a certain individual is lucky and others are not. They give opinions on certain event that they see in the life of a person and its impact on his life, then conclude if that person is lucky or not.

The question is what determines luck? Or what are the opportunities to have a good luck? Someone may say, it is wisdom, or knowledge, or wealth, or beauty and strength is needed to have luck. But when we read the Bible we find that the truth and we can have understanding.

It is written, ***“I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.” (Ecclesiastes 9:11)*** So a good luck or chance is not only for some people. To be blessed it does not depend on anything that people mention. And it does not mean that a person cannot change his luck or cannot choose to have a good chance to live as blessed.

Blessing does not come from a man or from something but from the Lord. In fact blessing does not depend in any circumstances or earthly resources but it always comes from the Lord. ***“This is what the Lord says: Cursed is e one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the man who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.” (Jeremiah 17:5-7)*** This is the master key to be lucky or to have good chance of fruitful opportunities and blessed life - to trust only in the Lord our God.

Blessed is the man who does not put his trust on technologies, neither on knowledge, facts or wealth or other resources, but his trust is in the Lord God who created heaven and earth and everything on it. ***“Some trust in chariots and some in horses but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” (Psalm 20:7)*** God is always true to His words. ***“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promised and not fulfill?” (Numbers 23:19)***

Life is a matter on what a person believes and on what he trusts. If he trusts on money, sooner or after his money is gone; if he trusts on prestige or position, sooner or later it passes away. He may trust on the best or the nearest person to him, but surely that person will not live with him forever. Likewise, ***“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” (Proverbs 18:24)*** His name is Jesus Christ, the name above

all names. ***“As the scriptures says, anyone who trusts is Him will never be put to shame.” (Romans 10:11)***

Our Lord is the Lord who richly blesses all who calls on Him. He owns everything, ***for by Him all things were created. (Colossians 1:16a)*** He is rich in mercy and abounding in love. ***“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*** Jesus died on the cross for our sins, he was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him. ***“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)*** Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord who lives forever and ever:

1. ***He will be like a tree planted by the water:*** Believing in God and receiving His Son Jesus Christ and His work on the cross brings a man into the knowledge and assurance of salvation. The Spirit of God lives in the man who accepts Jesus as his personal Savior and Lord and that man will have a direct relationship with God. He will be in direct contact with God, the Great Creator and Provider, like a tree that is planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. That man will be in touch with God through continuous reading the Bible, and through direct communication with God in prayer and meditation. As he maintains a life holy and pleasing to God, he is able to bear more fruits – blessings.
2. ***He does not fear:*** A true believer in Christ is assured that God is always beside him. He has no fear because the Lord will protect him from any enemy. He is like the tree planted by the water that does not fear when heat comes. He will always feel fresh and joyful because in Him is the living water – Jesus Christ.
3. ***He has no worries:*** The tree planted by the water has no worries during the drought because it is beside the water. The man who trust in God is not worried even in calamities or whatever problem that arises. His confidence is in God’s promise ***“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5b)*** Even when troubles come he is protected because he belongs to the Lord. He is a child of God the Father who prepares a table for him even in the presence of the enemy. God takes care of him and provides for all his needs according to Christ’s riches in glory.
4. ***He will never fail to bear fruit:*** The man who trusts God will be successful in whatever he does because in all his ways he acknowledges the Lord. ***“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” (Proverbs 16:3)*** The plans of a man who trusts God will be blessed and all the work of his hands will prosper. Even God will bless those who bless him.

***My dear and beloved:*** We remain with no other choice than to trust in the Lord and to put our confidence in Him if we wanted to be blessed. Nothing is worthy and no one can help us but the Lord so there is no other means but to take the chance that is in the Lord’s hand. Jesus said, ***“Apart from me you can do nothing.” My prayer: “Father God, I thank You for your good news and love; thank You for Jesus who died on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord, I put my trust in You. I have no confidence in anything else but in You alone. Lord, may you bless me in all seasons. Lead me and help me to honor You all the days of my life; to proclaim your goodness to others and to bear fruit that last forever. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”***