

The Way To Be Blessed

(Part 2)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:3-12)

People and the world have certain ways of viewing blessings and how persons can receive them and enjoy them. But the bible has different view, a view that builds us up according to the Word of God. The truth that is in God’s Word it teaches us correctly the way to blessed. In the previous message we discussed some of these aspects, today we will continue to discuss the rest. ***“We write this to make our (your) joy complete.” (1 John 1:4)*** Our joy and your joy will be complete if we will know the truth and the truth will set us free.

“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.” (John 1:18) Jesus came from heaven sent by God the Father to save us from sin and death and to show us the way to do God’s will and to live to please God. ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*** Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He was buried, and rose from the death on the third day to give us eternal life, we who believe in Him and follow His steps in our lives. Jesus showed us the way to be blessed and as the following:-

6- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God: Purity in heart this is what God wants. God wants clean heart, no deceit, no cheating, no conspiracy and no planning or plotting evil against the innocent. This is what the Word of God it tells us, ***“Thus speak the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.” (Zechariah 7: 9-10)*** ***“And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, said the LORD.” (Zechariah 8: 17)*** Purity in heart toward God and purity in heart toward one another is required. God wants to clean our hearts from evil things, ***“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.” (Matthew 15: 19)*** These are the things that make us unclean. You cannot make it to heaven if your heart is still full with such rubbish. Check what is wrong in your heart and repent and renounce all your sins, ***“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but***

whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13) The Lord is coming back soon and He wants to see you clean and ready, as it is written, ***“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”***

7- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God: The servants of God are those who serve God quietly with out making noise, troubles fights or quarrels. God’s servant will bring the truth and nurture the lost souls and feeds them diligently with God’s Word. A person who always brings dispute, arguments and there is always trouble coming from his ministry this is not God’s servant. But there are certain times that we need to make a clear demarcation between evil and good, righteousness and wickedness as Jesus said, ***“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34)*** That is mandatory to fight sin and deal with wickedness or in dealing with false teaching and false religions. But as overall, peace should mark our life and our ministry. ***“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” (Romans 12:18)*** A person who is in constant fight but no real fruit in his life and ministry he is not a peace-maker but a trouble maker. A person who keep bringing troubles like a thorn in the flesh he is not the peace maker, and he is not God’s servant that the Lord wants and desires.

8- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you: Persecution is the ultimate event that would come in the believer’s life and service unto God. This will come to us as we are determining to do God’s will and go on in serving Him wholeheartedly. We are going to be rejected, receive insults, falsely accused of crimes, and the message here is that we should not go back home sad and upset. Instead to rejoice, understanding that persecution is a profit and a good capital, for we will receive in return a reward from the Lord of Heaven, ***“Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.”*** This is the mark for the true and great people of God, ***“for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”***

My Dear and Beloved: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will” (Ephesians 1: 3-5) True blessings will come from the Lord but we need to be in line with His Word and commands. God call us to purify our hearts and clean our hands and we need to think and do those things that please and honor God as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross to give eternal life. Lord cleanses me from these sins _____. ***O Lord take full control over my life and humble me more and show me from your Word, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the things that you wants to do and the shape that you wants me to be. I thank you and I praise you for the good news that I received from your Word. This is all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.***