

The Way To Be Blessed

(Part 6)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

God will always leading us into the way that He wants us to move and go on in life. His word is a light for us to show us the way of the Lord and how to apply it in life. God’s blessings will fall and reach those who obey God and walk in His ways.

“Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.” (Psalm 65:4) God calls every one; each and every one God would call because in God there is no favoritism, but the Lord will chose those who respond to Him. The Lord said the following: *“For many are invited, but few are chosen.” (Matthew 22:14)* Many they will say, ‘God did not invite me or God did not call me,’ or they will say, ‘May be God did not choose me!’ As if God is favouring one over another. It is never like that, God call and invite but if you or the people will not respond then God will go to others. Let us read this parable from the Gospel of Matthew about the wedding banquet. *“¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ ‘Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ ‘But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ ‘Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.” (Matthew 22:1-10)* Here we found that God had called many people and invited them to the banquet, but when they did not show any attention to the invitation, and showed interest to their own life’s projects more than God, mistreated the servants of God and killed them, then God sent His servants to the streets and gather all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good. Because the first people who were invited they did not respond then God invited another group of people to show that He is a God who love everyone and that is why it is mentioned that some of those who were invited are good and others are bad.

Jesus came to call sinners to repent and have eternal life in His name. Even it is mentioned that God’s servants called bad people, the intention here is that bad people would be changed to good people who love God and delight in His word and ways.

Let us continue this parable as we read the following: *“¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³ ‘Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ ‘For many are invited, but few are chosen.” (Matthew 22:11-14)* Now here we found that when the Lord was inspecting the guests He found one of them was not wearing the wedding clothes. What is meant here is that when God call us or invite us He knows we are sinners and live in sin, but we should not continue to be in

that status; we have to be transformed by the renewing of our minds and not to be conforming or be similar to the people around who does not follow God. We are called to be sanctified and be separate from sin unto God then the Lord would receive us graciously and use us for His glory. *“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” (2 Timothy 2:20-21)* If we do that then we will be blessed and we will be promoted from being invited to be chosen people of God. To be chosen vessels of God and to be chosen instruments in God’s hand is to do the good work that he prepared for us to do. *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)*

So now clear of how God *choose* people *and bring near to live in* His *courts*; first God invite people, then second would see how people respond appropriately and cooperate with His call to them. Those who respond to God’s call the Lord will bless them bountifully and fill them with good things and will watch over their lives. *“Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.” (Psalm 84:4)* Those who serve God the Lord will bless them more and that will make them the more to praise the Lord and magnify His name.

“Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.” (Psalm 84:5) The people of God before Christ they go for pilgrimage for certain feast to Jerusalem in obedience to God’s command. Those who were willing to obey God, the lord would give them the strength to do that and they will be blessed as they were obeying. We apply that here in our lives with Christ in this way: The more we have the desire to draw near to God the more God will give us the required strength to do that and the more we will be blessed. *“O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.” (Psalm 84:12)* Why people are unwilling to follow God and invest their resources in His service? Because they think they will be losing and if they would invest in God their resources then they will not be able to manage life. Therefore you found them trusting themselves, the work of their hands, and trusting people and figures around them. But the more you will trust yourself and men and fix your eyes on human figure the more you are in need. But the more that you trust God and rely on Him and invest your life unto His care the more you are blessed by the Lord.

My Dear and Beloved: David said *“One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.” (Psalm 27:4)* David wanted to be near God because he knew what are the value and the privileges of it. He also said *“Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.” (Psalm 84:10)* Make your priority right and obey the Lord and walk in His ways. Come out from worldliness and appreciate what the Lord is doing in your life. As he invited you to serve Him be grateful and thankful to Him and let it this be these word reflect your attitude, *“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.” (1 Timothy 1:12)* You will be blessed as you agree, obey and put yourself in the hand of God in prayer.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from all the following _____ sins. Lord I commit myself and my life and my full resources to serve you and walk in your ways. Lord I will cherish your invitation and your calling unto me to serve you. I will put that always in my first priority this is my commitment and my prayer in Jesus name Amen.