

BLESSINGS FROM GOD

Introduction:

Certainly we do not have time in the service today to talk about all the blessings that we have from God, but the ones we have listed are a few that should make us realize just how truly blessed we are as God's people.

David waited on the Lord and God helped, he recognized that even the produce from the land is a blessing from God. Psa 121:1-3; 104:10-18. Surely, as we look at how blessed we are we can derive strength to sustain us in trials.

David realized that to be blessed we must depend on God's word for instruction. Psa 119:104, 105 Paul told Timothy that the Scriptures will make us wise unto salvation. 2Tim 3:15 Having a guide that will ultimately lead us to glory is truly a blessing.

It is difficult for us, at least for me, to really comprehend all that Jesus suffered on the cross. When we consider that He was the Son of God and that He allowed all this to happen to Him, we ask, how can this be or how did God allow this to happen? Then we are made to realize that He did this for me and for you, Jesus allowed Himself to be put to death so we don't have to die, spiritually, that is, we can have forgiveness of our sins and stand justified in God's sight. Can we conceive just how great a blessing this truly is?

Then, when we consider that as a result of having forgiveness of sins and being justified before God, we will one day be able to live with God for all eternity. We can go to heaven where there will be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying or pain. God will transform us from this earthly body and give us a spiritual body that is free from all that we suffer here in this life.

SCRIPTURE READING AND SONG SERVICE: (about the blessings we have from God)

Conclusion and invitation:

Truly, we are and have been so blessed by God. Acts 3:25; Matt 25:34. However, there are those who have not taken advantage of what God has done that enables a person to have the spiritual blessings that are in Christ Eph 1:3. God requires that we meet His terms or conditions for obtaining these blessings. The question before us now, is: have you taken advantage, have you obeyed the gospel of Christ so that your sins can be washed away and as a result you stand justified in God's sight and therefore can receive ALL the blessings that God has and will provide. Obeying the gospel involves hearing it Rom 10:17, believing it Jhn 8:24; Mk 16:15,16, repenting of sins Lk 13:3; Acts 2:38, confessing Christ Rom 10:9,10; Matt 10:32,33 and being baptized for the remission of your sins Rom 6:3,4; Acts 22:16, then the Lord adds you to His family, the church Acts 2:47. Also, there are some who have obeyed the gospel, but have ceased to recognize their responsibility to serve God faithfully in order to continue to be a recipient of the blessings which God provides to His children. If you find yourself in such a condition, you need to repent and pray for God's forgiveness Acts 8:22. If you want God's blessings as a faithful child of His you must be obedient. If you want to complete your obedience, respond to the Lord's invitation now.

5th Sunday 1-31-16
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Matt 5:1-12
(All songs are from Hymns For Worship)

Announcements:

Introduction and opening comments

Song: # 420 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD AS OUR GUIDE:

Scripture Reading: Psa 119:97-105; 2Tim 3:14-17

Song: Give Me The Bible # 497

Standing On The Promises # 360

GOD GIVES US A NEW LIFE THROUGH JESUS

Scripture Reading: Eph 2:1-10; Rom 6:1-6

Song: I Gave My Life For Thee # 340

A New Creature # 487

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS: ...

GOD GIVES US ASSURANCE

Scripture Reading: Heb 10:19-26; Matt 28:18-20

Song: Blessed Assurance # 4

Anywhere With Jesus # 390

GOD GIVES US COMFORT AND CONSOLATION

Scripture Reading: 1Pet 5:1-7; Isa 41:10-13

Song: Does Jesus Care # 466

God Will Take Care of You # 462

GOD GIVES US JOY AND HAPPINESS IN SPITE OF TRIALS

Scripture Reading: 1Pet 1:1-9; 1Pet 4:13-16

Song: I'M Happy Today # 251

Sunshine In My Soul # 425

SUMMARY AND INVITATION

Invitation Song: # Hark The Gentle Voice # 268

Song: (Lord's Supper) # 178 True Worship

Lord's Supper:

(Bread)

(Fruit of the Vine)

(Contribution)

Announcements:

Closing Prayer: