

Series: Journey

Text: Psalm 134

Main Idea:

Title/Hook: “Bless Your Heart”

Date: 9/4/2022

Purpose: To encourage believers to bless and praise God because He has blessed us in Christ.

FCF/COR: We have not blessed the Lord, so we deserve His curse. Is there a way to be saved from His curse and receive His blessing?

Christ Trajectory: Ephesians 1:3 – Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Structure: TBD

Main Idea:

Subject: Why should God’s people bless the Lord?

Complement: Because He is the holy Creator who blesses His people.

Exegetical Idea: Israel’s servants and people bless the Lord because He is the holy Creator who blesses them.

Theological Idea: God’s people bless the Holy Creator who blesses them.

Homiletical/Main Idea: We bless the Lord because He blesses us.

Outline:

1. Come where the LORD is and bless Him (v. 1-2)

1 Chronicles 23:24-32 - ²⁴ These were the sons of Levi by their fathers’ houses, the heads of fathers’ houses as they were listed according to the number of the names of the individuals from twenty years old and upward who were to do the work for the service of the house of the Lord. ²⁵ For David said, “The Lord, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people, and he dwells in Jerusalem forever. ²⁶ And so the Levites no longer need to carry the tabernacle or any of the things for its service.” ²⁷ For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered from twenty years old and upward. ²⁸ For their duty was to assist the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the Lord, having the care of the courts and the chambers, the cleansing of all that is holy, and any work for the service of the house of God. ²⁹ Their duty was also to assist with the showbread, the flour for the grain offering, the

wafers of unleavened bread, the baked offering, the offering mixed with oil, and all measures of quantity or size. ³⁰ And they were to stand every morning, thanking and praising the Lord, and likewise at evening, ³¹ and whenever burnt offerings were offered to the Lord on Sabbaths, new moons, and feast days, according to the number required of them, regularly before the Lord. ³² Thus they were to keep charge of the tent of meeting and the sanctuary, and to attend the sons of Aaron, their brothers, for the service of the house of the Lord.

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Isaiah 29:13 - And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men...

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2. Come where the LORD is and be blessed (v. 3)

Hebrews 9:11-12, 24-26 – ¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption...²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Quote – Donald Williams – “He blesses us from Zion, the holy hill upon which His temple stands. Here sacrifices are made to atone for our sins, and,

ultimately, here Jesus died as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

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Quote – Derek Kidner – “To bless God is to acknowledge gratefully what he is; but to bless man, God must make of him what he is not, and give him what he has not.

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Ephesians 1:3-8 - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us.

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