

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

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I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BLESSED?

Numbers 6:24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

A. Blessing is God's idea.

Numbers 6:22-23 The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:'"

1. Blessing is God's idea for you.

Numbers 6:24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

2. You were meant to live in God's blessing, not just visit it from time to time.

Luke 12:29-32 And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.

B. To be blessed means to be kept by God.

Psalms 17:8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings

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Psalms 4:6 Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.

Psalms 80:3 Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

1. Your external world may be broken, but your internal world can be blessed.

2. We are blessed with peace in the midst of conflict.

3. We are blessed with rest in the midst of chaos.

- Blessing does not mean that you will not need to face trouble. It means you will have what you need for the trouble that you face

Psalms 44:3 It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

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C. We are blessed through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

1. We are recipients of grace.

2. We are channels of grace.

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D. God is smiling!

- Do not project on God your relationship with someone else.

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John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Hebrews 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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