

## The Way to Be Blessed Part 1

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All mankind like and delight to be blessed. And as you read or hear the message you are among those who want to be blessed. So tell me what is your opinion about the way to be blessed and how would you attain it? This is the question that we are going to speak, discuss and answer in this message. People will carry different views about the way to be blessed. Some they would think about money; to have more of it is the way to be blessed. Some they would think to be famous and well known then they are blessed. Some they will put power and influence as the parameters for them to be blessed in life.

The Lord Jesus Christ put the real parameter of how to be blessed in this life; how to ensure eternity and live with God forever. Jesus the Son of the Blessed One, demonstrated and lived the blessed way of life. Jesus came down from Heaven; He gave His life for us to save us from sin and death. In humility and full submission He offered himself to God on the cross for our sins, to cleanse us and enable us to serve God. Therefore, **“14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14 KJV)** Jesus died on the cross, He was buried, then rose from the death to give eternal life, to us and to everyone who believes in Him and follow His steps in life, and showed us the way to be blessed and as the following:

**1. “3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3 KJV)** To be poor in spirit yours is the kingdom of God. Notice, to be poor in spirit, and not to be arrogant in spirit; to be humble, is not to answer back, nor have fighting spirit nor a person with a quarrelsome behavior. Money, prestige, profession and other worldly gains may tempt you to be arrogant and high minded. But be in self control because you may lose the Kingdom that God had promised to the humble; those who are poor in spirit. People will lose balance when they become rich, their money drive them mad. But everyone should remember that God's Kingdom is for the humble. So now to be blessed and to receive eternal life and the Kingdom of Heaven, you ought to humble down and be away from high spirit so you will receive the Kingdom of God.

**2. “4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4 KJV)** Included here are those in trials, hardships and difficulties. \* Trials could be God's way to bless us. In trials there will be correction, rebuke, discipline, guidance, and perfection. In trials God help us to develop Christ's characters like patience, perseverance, faithfulness and

self-control. Trials are God's ways for us to cleanse us and purify us from sins and all unrighteousness. \* Not only such kinds of blessings and privileges God would bestow on us in trials, but in trials as He promised here, that those who mourns will be comforted and will receive comfort and relief from God.

**3. “5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5 KJV)** The meek are those who wait for God to come and bless them. They are the remnants who obey God, who fear Him and walk in His ways. The meek are not those who want to grasp everything including the worldly things and the things that come from the devil. Also the devil gives material things and you must be aware of such. Those who want all they will miss all. The meek are not those who wanted things to happen in their own time but in God's time. The meek they trust God and they wait upon the LORD, as the Word of God encourage us, **“18 And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.” (Isaiah 30:18 KJV)** Many they run to grasp the opportunity; but the more they run the more they are far away. So blessed is not for those who run after the blessings but for those who wait upon God and trust their lives faithfully and loyally into His hands and wait for Him to bless them. It is like finishing our problems in man's way and in our own shortcuts; therefore one problem will hatch more eggs of troubles. But the meek will allow God to solve their troubles in His own ways and will and in His perfect time.

**4. “6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” (Matthew 5:6 KJV)** God wants us to have hunger and thirstiness for His righteousness to be proclaimed and fulfilled. \* So we will be blessed if we have thirstiness toward the things of God and not that of the world or that which feed our ambitions, our own desires, plans and will. God will fill us and satisfy us if we want to be filled with His Word, will and His plans for us. \* We will be in thirstiness and want if we continue to go after our own will and desires. It is a sin to have our own ambition, because selfish ambition is the work of the flesh. These include as well going to other countries and plan to gain some other worldly things thinking this will give good future to us; God's blessings is not in such ways. But let us believe and follow what Jesus taught us, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33 KJV)** As we seek God and His Kingdom and serve Him and do His will, then He will add to us all these things that we need in our lives.

**5. “7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matthew 5:7 KJV)** We will be blessed and shown mercy if we are going to show mercy. **“31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.” (Luke 6:31 KJV)** We will be blessed with mercy and favor from God and from the people around us if we treat others in good way and show mercy in attitude and actions toward them and especially toward those who are in need and in troubles. **“16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:16-18 KJV)** And that is true, certain times when we help and relief others we find God is relieving us as well. We will be shown mercy as we practice that with others.

***“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:2 KJV)*** The world has its own ways to bless us but we have the true blessings from God as we obey His Word, and follow His ways. We need to think and do those things that please and honor God.

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, and that is why we read and study and teach the Bible. The truth is in God’s Word, and it teaches us correctly the way to be blessed. Apostle John wrote, ***“4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.” (1 John 1:4 KJV)*** *Our joy and your joy will be complete if we both know the truth and walk in the truth, and so the truth will set us free and bless us.*

***“18 No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (John 1:18 KJV)*** 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 and to be blessed. ***“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16 KJV)*** 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.

***6. “8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8 KJV)*** Purity in heart this is what God wants. *God wants clean heart, no deceit, no cheating, no conspiracy, no corruption, and no planning or plotting evil against the innocent.* This is what the Word of God tells us; not to imagine evil in our hearts, ***“9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: 10 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 KJV)*** ***“17 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, saith the LORD.” (Zechariah 8: 17 KJV)*** Purity in heart toward God and purity in heart toward one another is required. God wants to clean our hearts from evil things, ***“19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:” (Matthew 15: 19 KJV)*** 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, ***“13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13 KJV)*** The Lord is coming back soon and He wants to see you clean and ready, pure in heart, so we can meet Him, as it is written, ***“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”***

***7. “9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” (Matthew 5:9 KJV)*** *The servants of God are those who serve God quietly without 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, ***“34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34 KJV)*** *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. ***“18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” (Romans 12:18 KJV)*** *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. “10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” (Matthew 5:10-12 KJV)*** 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 in Heaven. “Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.”* This is the mark for the true and great people of God, ***“for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”***

***My Dear and Beloved: “3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,” (Ephesians 1: 3-5 KJV)*** True blessings will come from the Lord, and He had blessed us much; he had chosen us, made us His children, and blessed us with salvation, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, but we need to be in line with His Word and commands so we can see, receive and enjoy His blessings. 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 for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the teaching that I received today from your Word, and that made me aware of all your blessings in my life.

Repent and renounce your sins; pride, arrogance, boasting, showing off, anger, fighting, making troubles, non willing to help the poor and needy, keeping malice and evil things in your heart, non willingness to get suffer and persecuted. Lord I repent and renounce all the following 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 want me to do and the shape that you want me to be. Lord I commit myself to live my life according to your Word, denying myself, to be humble, meek, merciful, persevering in mourning, pure in heart, thirsty and hungry for your

*righteousness, peacemaker, and accepting persecution and ill treatment for your name sake's.*

*\ Lord I pray for my brethren who repented of their sins and committed their lives to you, Lord help them to bear more of the fruit of the spirit in their lives, that people shall see Jesus through them. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the Spiritual gifts that they need in their lives to go on and serve you. Lord I pray that you will use them to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus.*

*Lord thank you for all your blessings upon us as a church. Lord enable us to reach new people and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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