

The Way to Be Blessed Part 5

God's love is so abound and His grace and His blessings are to those who fear Him and walk in His ways. God's blessing is there to us and we can receive that only through His ways.

"Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;" (Psalm 94:12 KJV) The Lord would bless us when He discipline us and correct us for our sins, wrong doings, and wrong decisions, so that as we go in His ways then His blessings will flow in our lives. So every time God is disciplining you for your sins then God is blessing you.

"15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance." (Psalm 89:15 KJV) Those are the people who come to know the ways of the Lord and as they maintain His ways and laws in their lives His blessings will continue to flow in their lives. They will keep doing what is right and just and therefore they are claiming and receiving God's blessings and rejoicing in Him.

"3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times." (Psalm 106: 3 KJV) Many people they will say, 'Why we don't have God's blessing and why we are not receiving from Him?' **The question is this, 'Are you keep doing what is right and just?'** If you are not doing that then even if you work hard then God's blessing are far from you. To receive God's blessing you need to obey and do your part of God's commands, then the Lord would fulfill what He had promised and His blessings will flow in your life.

"1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments." (Psalm 112:1 KJV) The time the people would start to fear the Lord by willing to follow God and walk in His ways and obeying His commands then this will be the time for them to receive blessings from the Lord and be blessed. When people will start to repent of their sins and fear God, then they will be afraid to break the commands of God and sin against Him, and that will be the time for them to seek Him and follow Him wholeheartedly and be blessed as we read here, ***"1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."*** (Psalm 119:1-2 KJV)

To obey God's Words and commands is the real wisdom and understanding, ***"13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."*** (Proverbs 3:13 KJV) Don't think in the reverse way; don't think that when you obey God and His Word and in following His commands you are weak. That is not correct; you are wise and strong in regard to this aspect.

"5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:" (Psalm 146:5 KJV) Why the Word of God said here, ***"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,"*** and did not say, ***'Happy is he that hath the God of Isaac or Abraham?'*** Jacob in His walk with God he tried to go ahead of God's plan and try to get the blessings in whatever possible way he can, no matter if it is right or wrong. He cheated his brother Esau and stole from him his birth right and the blessings of the first born. Jacob thought that such way of life will bring blessings in His life. God had seen all that behavior

and the Lord disciplined Jacob and gave him hard time in his life in order for him to realize that he cannot rely on himself and need to obey God and follow God's commands and rely fully on and be patient until the Lord would come and bless him. *** The Lord also will do the same with you. If you are going ahead of God and you think that you are smart and you can attain it with your own strength and resources then you are in error and wait for troubles in your life. *** If you would not listen God sure will allow certain troubles and trials in your life as He allowed it in Jacob's life to make you realize and see your real small size and your nil resources in compare to God's power and resources. Jesus said the following: ***"29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."*** (Matthew 22:29 KJV) You ought to read the Scripture and understand, correct yourself and follow carefully what God's said in His Word. God will not change Himself or His Word, therefore don't resist and allow Him to change you.

"32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. 34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." (Proverbs 8:32-36 KJV) This is then the clear message. Blessed are those who keep the ways of the Lord. Wise are those who listen to God's instruction and do not ignore it. Blessed are those who hear and obey God. Favor and life for those who finds God; harm to those who fail to find God. Those who sin, and do not listen and obey God they hate Him and in this way they are harming themselves and love to die, even may end up in hell which is a real thing.

"20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he." (Proverbs 16:20 KJV) To trust God is to obey God's instruction, therefore, blessed and happy are those who trust God, who obey and follow His instructions that give them wisdom and understanding to do what is right so the blessings of God and prosperity shall flow in their lives.

"14 Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief." (Proverbs 28:14) It is blessedness if you keep fearing God and obeying Him. Don't be proud or arrogant and hardened your heart, in this way things will become more hard and difficult in your life. God oppose the proud but He gives grace more to the humble. Humble yourself, otherwise you will be falling into many troubles.

Trust the Lord and obey fully His Word and He will be the one to bless you. The Lord will not only bless you and the work of your hand but He will bless also your children and the blessings of the Lord will flow in their lives. ***"7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."*** (Proverbs 20:7 KJV) To follow God exactly and use God's ways in life is the safe way that God want us to follow. As we do that our children as they see us they will imitate us and follow God and walk in His ways, and His blessings will rest on them and that is the big inheritance that we can leave for our children.

"18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Proverbs 29:18 KJV) God's Word and commands teaches us God's way in life and instruct us in the way we should go. As you keep the law of God and as you apply it in your life then

you are happy and blessed as you can see clearly the next step in your life and you will have a clear vision and the way before you clear.

“27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. 28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.” (Luke 11:27-28 KJV) People and you might be one of them, have different standard to evaluate the blessings of the Lord. People have their own ways but the Word of God teaches us the sound thing and helps us to be in line with the truth and it shows us the clear way that we need to follow in our lives.

Here we found a woman said to the Lord Jesus Christ, ***“Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.”*** That woman she said that because Jesus was teaching and declaring to the people the deep things of God. That woman she said about the womb and the breasts of Mary is blessed and Mary is blessed because according to her opinion she will not hear Jesus speaking the Word of God and the truth to the people without Mary his mother had carried Him and gave Him birth and nursed Him with her breasts. You can see clearly how people link things with wrong concepts and reasons. But as we know that Jesus is God, the Creature who created everything including His mother Mary with her womb and paps.

Now truly Mary is blessed and the Bible tells us that as we can read the Word of God in ***Luke 1:46-48 “46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.”*** But why Mary is a blessed woman? Mary was blessed not because she carried Jesus in her womb and nursed Him. All women do that and care for their children. Jesus said ***“28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.” (Luke 11:28 KJV)*** Mary is blessed because she heard the Word of God, obeyed it and kept it.

God called Mary because He needed a woman to carry and give birth to Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ is God the Son, and He is hundred percent God and He is hundred percent man. Therefore He needed to be born as human by a woman. The call of Mary and the birth of Jesus were as the following: ***“26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” (Luke 1:26-33 KJV)*** Mary achieved the following points when God called her.

1. Mary accepted the risk of God's calling: When God called her to be pregnant with Jesus she was not yet married and the fact that to be discovered by the society she is pregnant

without marriage is very dangerous for her because the people may even stone her for that. When God called her to serve Him and to do His will she accepted the task even it might be dangerous for her to pursue God's call. **You will be blessed when you accept God's call and take even the risk to serve Him.**

2. Mary accepted the possible shame that she may receive from accepting God's call and in serving Him: The people who were around Mary may look down on her and despised her, especially her family and the people who are neighbor to her. **Some time God's calling put you in embarrassing situations, people may not understand you or they will not accept what God is doing in your life and they might look down on you and even may laugh on you.** God sometimes ask so embarrassing things from us to do but we should not be ashamed and think what the people around us will say and what our families and relatives speak about us. For this reason Paul wrote the following: ***“16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17 KJV)*** **You don't need to consider or think what the people will speak against you if you are going to go forward and obey the Lord. You need to please God, obey Him and walk in His ways.**

3. Mary did not doubt God and she fully trusted Him for her life: When God called her she did not doubt what God can do and how she can become pregnant without a man. She asked only for explanation of how God will do it when she said. ***“Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” (Luke 1:34 KJV)*** She just wanted to know how, and she received the answer, ***“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35 KJV)*** **When God is calling you don't doubt but trust Him and obey Him fully and He will do it for you, “For with God nothing shall be impossible.” (Luke 1:37 KJV)**

4. Mary fully surrendered to God's Word, His call and good will: Mary opened her heart fully to God, therefore everything was explained to her adequately. After all the assurance that she received from the message of the Lord her final statement that bound her with a covenant with God is the following: ***“And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.” (Luke 1:38 KJV)*** Such words or statement pleased the Lord and satisfied Him, and in response He poured out His blessings tremendously upon her. **In the same way open your heart fully to God and you will be really satisfied with God's blessing and how God will work it miraculously for you. Therefore God wants you to trust Him and rely fully on Him.**

My Dear and Beloved: Jesus said, ***“26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” (John 12:26 KJV)*** **Chose today to listen to the message of God to you and obey Him and start to serve Him and you will be blessed and honored by God the Father.**

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. Thank you Lord for your Word that teaches me your ways to be blessed.*

Confess and renounce your sins to God; renounce your non willingness to humble to God and accept the way that He wants you to live for Him and your non willingness to obey His commands, and your non willingness to serve Him. Lord I repent from all the following _____ sins.

*Lord I commit myself to love you by obeying your Word and following all your commands. Lord thank you for your call to me to serve you. Lord equips me and provides all my needs. I am fully committing myself into your service, **“Behold the handmaid of the Lord;” “be it unto me according to thy word.”** This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*

Lord I pray for my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins, and committed their lives to live for you, doing your will and to serve you. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit, speak to them in the way they should go, and instruct them with your Word. Lord protect them and guide them. Lord use them to serve you and do the good works that you prepared for them to do.

Lord bless us as a church as we continue to obey your Word and commands and serving you in evangelizing and making new disciples. Lord fulfill the vision of the church ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God’, and enable us to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. 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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