



# Grace Fellowship of Morehead, KY

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## our RESPONSE to the BLESSING

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Galatians 3:13,14,29

- 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:
- 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We have been talking about the BLESSING.

The BLESSING is something that isn't talked about much...but it is stretched throughout Scripture and rested upon God's people.

Especially those in the lineage of Jesus (see Matthew 1).

As we've seen, in Galatians 3, because of what Jesus did on the cross...it put us in that lineage (vs. 29) AND placed that BLESSING upon us (vs. 14).

**DEFINED:** empowered to prosper, increase, it literally is a drawing of the promises of God to your life.

As children of God...we have His BLESSING to receive His blessings.

**REMEMBER:** Many have the BLESSING and don't know it or don't believe in it, therefore, they enjoy as much as they believe or know (heaven, healing, joy, peace, etc.)

### Importance of the BLESSING?

**BELOVED:** So many Christians feel like, "Hey, I'm doing okay with whatever I am doing...if it ain't broke, don't fix it...right?"

**UNDERSTAND:** This world's system IS BROKEN! It is messed up. It is dangerous. We need to walk in the BLESSING just to go to the grocery store.

Exodus 8:21-23 (the fourth plague)

- 21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.
- 22 **And I will sever** in that day the **land of Goshen**, in which my people dwell, that **no swarms of flies shall be there**; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.
- 23 And **I will put a division between my people and thy people**: to morrow shall this sign be.

**NOTICE:** vs. 23 – A wall of division...the wall of BLESSING will divide God's people from the people of the world.

What came on the world...could NOT come on God's children.

**BELOVED:** While OUR world is in chaos...God's people are enjoying HIS BLESSINGS.

**NOTE:** That is called the favor of God...remember, the favor of God may not be fair, but it sure is fabulous!

Psalm 126:1-3

- 1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.
- 3 ***The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.***

**BELOVED:** That is the motto of every Christian...the Lord has done great things for us...yippee!

## Our Response to the BLESSING

With the understanding that God has BLESSED us...it is on us. That things work for us that don't work for anyone else.

**QUESTION:** What is our response?

**QUESTION:** What is our response, when we come face to face with trials...battles...attacks?

Most people REACT to their trials.

Talk about difference between react or respond (what do you want your medicine to do?)

Exodus 14 – Story of the Red Sea.

God just moved to have them delivered from 430 years of bondage...struggle...frustration.

Not just a QUICK thing...10 plagues (miraculous plagues)...signs and wonders.

They have seen God's hand CLEARLY move!

They are leaving....walking...coolest thing they've seen in their lives.

**REMEMBER:** God has moved time and time again to get them out.

**THEY COME** up against the Red Sea (at overflow)...what is their response?

**ANSWER:** They complained. Blamed God.

Exodus 14:11,12

- 11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?
- 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

**QUESTION:** Is this the correct response to God's awesome works? No!

God opens the water...dry land...moves them across...crushes their enemies.

**QUESTION:** What is their response?

Exodus 15:1 – Moses AND THE PEOPLE begin singing a song of praise!

Exodus 15:20,21

- 20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, ***took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.***
- 21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

**HOLD IT:** Their response to the wondrous works? Singing, dancing and music!

**IN OTHER WORDS:** God came through for them...they praised!

**BELOVED:** This is the correct response to the BLESSING.

**UNDERSTAND:** Many of you are saying...yes, Pastor Thad...when the answer to my situation comes...I will praise the Lord.

**NO!** You're not getting it.

The children of Israel saw God's wondrous hand move time and again AND as soon as the next battle came along, they wilted...they complained.

Exodus 15:22-24

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

**"Murmured"** – grumble, complain, obstinate, to tarry or remain

**IN OTHER WORDS:** They just wouldn't stop.

That was their problem! They couldn't stop complaining! They never learned the proper response to having the BLESSING upon their lives.

That is why in Numbers 14, God said **"TEN TIMES"** you have tempted me. **"TEN TIMES"** you had the opportunity to respond correctly to the BLESSING.

**"TEN TIMES"** you failed!

Psalm 78:32 – "For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works."

**THINK ON THIS:** Galatians 3:13,14,29 it clearly says that THAT SAME BLESSING is upon us, because of Jesus.

**THEREFORE:** If you are born again...you have the BLESSING on you.

**YOU SAY:** "But what has He done?"

**ANSWER:** If nothing more...He took you from death unto life!

**ANSWER:** If nothing more...He gave you hope.

**ANSWER:** If nothing more...He gave you His peace, His joy, His faith...

But think of the times where His hands was upon you...think of the times where you should have died, but didn't...think of those things.

Revelation 12:10 – They overcame the evil one by the blood of the Lamb (work of Jesus) and their testimony (they kept repeating what God had done).

**QUESTION:** What is our appropriate response when we find ourselves in the middle of another battle?

~ Complain? Grumble?

~ Hunker down in shame?

~ Get locked into murmuring, until something changes?

**NO!** Music, song and DANCE!

This is the reason the Bible tries to help you...if you can't think of anything yourself...

Psalm 26:7 – "That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works."

Psalm 72:18, 19

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be his **glorious name for ever**: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

**NOTE:** Refuse to back off...do it forever!

Psalm 75:1 – “Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.”

Psalm 105:2 – “Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.”

So many of the Psalms were written during troubling times...yet David is talking about God's wondrous works!

**PERHAPS** we can learn a lesson from the man who never lost a battle! GET in our underwear and dance!

Psalm 103:1-5

Vs. 1 – “oh my soul” – **NOTE:** It is a decision.

Vs. 2 – “forget not” – **NOTE:** Remind yourself.

**IN OTHER WORDS:** It may not be easy...but it is IMPORTANT.

## Shut Up and Praise

In Joshua, we find the Israelites on the threshold of their promise...finally!

They are standing in front of what seems to be their NEXT battle.

They have not seen the walls fall...they HAVE seen the Jordan part (pretty cool)...but Jericho is tightly shut up...ready for a battle.

Joshua gives the details to the people of how they are going to fight (not the most military sound plan)...but then he says this...

Joshua 6:10 – “And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, ***nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth***, until the day I bid you shout; **then shall ye shout.**”

The Lord said to me, when you are fighting your next battle.

~ When things seem to be slip sliding away.

~ When the opposition seems TOO BIG.

~ Don't forget that the BLESSING is on you...and there is only ONE response!

### ***Shut up and praise!***

Refuse to complain...refuse to murmur...focus on his wondrous works and PRAISE!

Praise like the battle is over...because with the BLESSING on your life...it is!

## Wrapping It UP

Guess what today is? Palm Sunday.

Luke 19:35-40

35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.  
(Matthew and John say they laid palm branches)

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a ***loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;***

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.  
**NOTE:** They said, “That is not the way we respond!”

40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

**NOTE:** Jesus said, “It is the ONLY way to respond in life!”

**BELOVED:** Whatever you are facing today...frustration?...worst battle ever?...minor annoyance  
It does NOT change that the BLESSING is upon you.

**THEREFORE:** There is ONLY one response to what you are facing...praise!