

East Jackson Church of Christ – Midweek Bible Class

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Is A Blessed Life

Part 1

A. Word Study Of “Bless”, “Blessed”, “Blessing”

Food for thought:

1. What different words are translated into the English as “bless”, “blessed”?
2. What is a practical definition of the word?

1. Commonly used word in OT = _____ = _____, congratulate or salute.

- a. Translated as bless, blessed or blessing _____ times in the KJV.
- b. Pronounce _____ of or _____ on
- c. Examples: Genesis 1:22, 28; 9:26; 14:19; Psalm 66:8, 20

2. Also from the word _____ = interpreted to correlate with

“_____”, welfare, _____.

- a. Translated as “blessed” _____ times in the KJV
- b. Translated as “happy” _____ times in the KJV
- c. Example: Psalm 1:1; Job 5:17

3. One word used in the NT is _____ which carries the same meaning as

esher, having to do with happiness and good fortune and being _____.

- a. It is found _____ times in the Greek NT, of which the KJV translates it as “blessed” _____ times.
- b. John 13:17
 - KJV = *If ye know these things, _____ are ye if ye do them.*
 - NKJV & ASV = *If you know these things, _____ are you if you do them.*

c. It is the word used in the “_____” of Matthew 5:3-12

4. Another word translated as “blessed” is _____ which is similar in meaning to *barak* and has to do with a good report or _____ a _____ word.

- a. We “bless” (say a good word) _____ who blesses us, Ephesians 1:3
- b. We return “blessing” to those who _____ us and we in return _____ “blessing” from God, 1 Peter 3:8-12.

5. Practically, “bless”, “blessed” means (see Genesis 12:1-3; Luke 1:26-33)

- a. To _____ good – _____ upon and/or
- b. to _____ good – _____ toward

6. For the benefit of this study, blessed means to be under the favor of God.

- a. God _____ favor upon us
- b. God _____ favor toward us

B. Available and Accessible Blessings

Food for thought:

- 1. Does God bless those who are not living the Christian life?
- 2. What are some blessings available to all men irregardless of their faith or obedience?
- 3. Why might God bless the employer whom you work for?

7. Genesis 12:3. Through _____, God promised a blessing to all _____.

- a. Therefore, _____ (Galatians 3:16) is a blessing to all _____ (John 3:16).
- b. The blessing of _____ as sons (Ephesians 1:5); of _____ (1:6); of _____ and _____ (1:7) is available and accessible to _____.
- c. All have access by _____ into the _____ of God (Romans 5:1-2) which is made available to all men (Titus 2:11).
- d. All men benefit from God’s “_____” blessings
 - (1) All benefit from God’s care of His _____ (Genesis 8:20-22; Psalm 74:16-17; Matthew 5:44-45; 2 Corinthians 9:9-10a)

8. God bestows favor upon some for the benefit of His _____ and His _____.

- a. 1 Chronicles 29:10-12. God is the One who is in charge of who receives _____, honor, _____ and strength.
- b. Daniel 2:36-45 and 4:28-37 show that _____ allowed King Nebuchadnezzar to rise to power as He was setting things _____ for the coming of _____ and His eternal _____.

c. Genesis 50:20-21. _____ was blessed with seven years of _____ as God worked to eventually bring the _____ to a place where they would be _____ and _____ during the famine and for the development of God's _____ as promised through Abraham.

(1) Food For Thought: God may bless the company where you are employed so that blessings can be bestowed upon you as His servant.

C. A Blessed Life – Lived Under The Favor Of God and Live Life As A Favorable Experience

Food for thought:

1. What is so special about being in Christ?
2. What are the various aspects of “spiritual blessings”?

9. Some aspects of God's blessing is _____ for His _____ only.

a. John 14:23-24 shows that there are aspects of God's care given _____ to those who _____ Him and _____ His commandments.

10. Ephesians 1:3

a. _____ is _____ (praised, spoken well of), because upon those who are His in Christ . . .

b. He blesses (pronounces and provides) those _____ . . .

c. with every _____ in the heavenly places in Christ, which includes

- (1) _____ of the _____ is a spiritual blessing, the various elements of which are described in Ephesians 1:3-14.
- (2) _____ of the _____ or that which is needed to face the _____ and _____ of the Christian life is a spiritual blessing (see Ephesians 1:15-19; 3:14-21; 4:17ff; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:17-18)
- (3) _____ of _____ for everyday life and living is a spiritual blessing. The promise of Matthew 6:25-34 is for those who are the children of God. (see also Philippians 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15)
- (4) _____ for _____ is a spiritual blessing as the work of Christ is to be done by those who are in Christ (Ephesians 3:8-12, 21; see also 1 Corinthians 12)

(5) _____ of _____ (happiness) of a life well lived is a spiritual blessing as those in Christ live a life of _____ and _____ . (Philippians 1:19-21; 4:10-12; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)