

Why God Blesses Us

1 Kings 8:56-60

Psalms: Ps 67:1 - 7

Ephesians 2:8 - 10

You work for a company. They send you to a Moscow. They give you money for a flat. They give you a big office, a car, and money for advertising. You spend it all on yourself and never mention the name of the company. Are they happy?

It is your mother's birthday. Your father gives you money to rent a hall, to buy food, to buy a cake, so that she may have a wonderful birthday. You spend it all on yourself. Is your father happy?

God blesses you. You have health. You have your salvation. You have your brothers and sisters in Christ. You have God's blessing on your country in this time of harvest but you do not witness. You go about everyday without telling people about Christ. Is God happy?

I. God Blesses Us: To Bring Glory To His Name

It is a spoiled child who never says "Thank You"

It is a spoiled child who when asked about his life never mentions his mother or father

We complain that our children never remember all that we have done for them

Do we remember all that God has done for us?

Many children never think about how their conduct reflects on their parents, they only think about their own happiness and feelings.

Many Christians never think about how their conduct reflects on God, they only think about their own happiness and feelings.

Isa 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made."

1 Kings 8:56-60

"Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He promised through Moses His servant. May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us, that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers. And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day requires, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no one else.

II. God Blesses Us: That We Might Obey Him

Why do you sacrifice so that your children can get a good education?

Is it so they can smoke, drink beer and watch TV on your couch when they get old?

Why did God sacrifice so that you might be born again?

Was it so that you could come to church and be blessed without ever doing any work?

Ps 105:42-45

For He remembered His holy word with Abraham His servant; And He brought forth His people with joy, His chosen ones with a joyful shout. He gave them also the lands of the nations, that they might take possession of the fruit of the peoples' labor, So that they might keep His statutes, and observe His laws, praise the LORD!

A. Obedience Brings Glory To God

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

B. It Is Dishonest To Do Good Works Without Witnessing Of Christ

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

C. We Are Not Saved By Good Works

Eph 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

D. We Are Saved To Do Good Works

Eph 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

E. We Do Not Obey God To Get Him To Love Us

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

F. We Obey God To Love Him

1 John 4:19-5:3

We love, because He first loved us.

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

Overcoming the World Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

A mother asks a child to clean his room.

The child answers, "If I do not clean my room am I still your child?"

The mother answers "Yes"

The child then says, "If I will still be your child if I do not clean my room, then I will not clean my room."

What do we know about this child – he does not love his mother

A husband asks his wife to fix him breakfast

The wife answers, "If I do not fix you breakfast am I still your wife?"

The husband answers "Yes"

The wife then says, "If I will still be your wife if I do not fix you breakfast then I will never fix you breakfast again"

What to we know about this wife – she does not love her husband

III. God Blesses Us: That The World May Know Him

Ps 67:1-2, 7

God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us-- Selah.

That Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among all nations.

God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

A young man asks a girl to marry him.

She says Yes

He gives her a ring, sends her flowers at work, sends her chocolates, many gifts.

Then he discovers that although she has received these things she has never told anyone that she is engaged, or his name or anything. She is just enjoying the gifts but is embarrassed to talk about him.

How does he feel.

God blesses us and we do not witness.

How does God feel.

A. Personal Evangelism

Psalms 73:28

But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works

Ps 92:13-15

Planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green,

To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.