Getting The Vision of God's Blessing For You

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- I. Remembering the keys to success in life
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1) GET THE VISION WE ARE TREMENDOUSLY BLESSED ALREADY!

II. The Words of Jesus give us a vision of our authority us well a clue on what to meditate about how to walk.

(NKJV) Jn 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

III.

- IV. Understand what God has done for us.
 - A. The meaning of the word Blessed.

(NKJV) Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful:

- 1. Bless Happy. Happiness, joy. Joyfulness. Power and prosperity are conveyed.
 - a. he makes the blessings. His blessings are deeds
 - b. we pronounce a blessing. We make a proclamation.
- 2. Happy are those that separate and meditate

(NKJV) Ps 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

Notice in time

(NKJV) Ps 1:3 He shall be (In time) like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Season

(NKJV) Ga 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season (in time) we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

B. Now a remarkable word given us as a promise from God using this same word Blessed that tells us we are already blessed and we must possess the blessing promised to us like the Israelites had to posses the promised land God gave them.

(NKJV) Ge 15:18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Past tense!

(NKJV) Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

- 1. **Blessed be God** we make a proclamation regarding God.
 - a. We are saying, Happy is God. Joyful is God!
 - b. He is pleased. What is he pleased with?
- 2. **he has blessed us** giving us every spiritual blessing.
 - a. God is please to bless us. It makes him blessed to bless us.
 - b. He gave and is happy with his giving.
 (NKJV) Eph 1:5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

(NKJV) Eph 1:9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

(NKJV) Lk 12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

(NKJV) Php 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

- c. God is happy to bless us. He is the one that wants us blessed more than we do!
 - (1) Blessing us was his idea!
- d. We too, if we could understand this are also blessed, when we bless others!
 - (1) We are in his image and will experience it when we do it!
- 3. He has given us everything that can bring us joy and happiness

- C. Let us all come to understand the real meaning of this verse. We have need of nothing if God HAS BLESSED US ALREADY WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING!
 - 1. The whole phrase summary
 - a. There is no limited to what he won't do for us!
 - b. He did not withhold his son, his only son!
 - c. Meditate on that phase for a moment and remember too he gave the children of Israel a blessing too. The Land
 - (1) Remember briefly on what he told Joshua to do to posses it!
 - 2. See **who** has blessed..... **GOD**
 - 3. See the *timing* of when we receive this.GOD HAS BLESSED
 - a. Those blessing are for now. We don't have to die to get them.
 - b. This is not something we expect to get, but is is something we already have been given!
 - c. Understanding this there is one of two things we can do
 - (1) Lay hold of them
 - (2) Let go of them

ONE OF TWO THINGS WE CAN DO REGARDING GOD'S BLESSINGS

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WHAT DO YOU CHOOSE

- 4. It is so sad so many let go of them to pursue the trash of the world
- 5. Now Who has been blessed?
 (NKJV) Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:
 - a. Meaning **Us!** You and me!
- 6. Blessed with what? every spiritual blessing!
 - a. What do you think he means by every?
- 7. **Where** are they?
 - a. Notice he says, it is "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
 - (1) Take note that places is in italics. *It was not in the original.*
 - b. Our blessings are not in the heavens that we should await them when we get to heaven, but where? **IN CHRIST!**
 - (1) Where is he?
 - c. Therefore, it should read, "every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ"
 - (1) Not with Christ but in Christ!
- 8. **Where are we? We are in Christ!** And if so we are defined by God with certain unique abilities and powers

(NKJV) Jn 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

THOUGH TIMES MAY AT TIMES SEEM HARD GOD HAS ALREADY BLESSED YOU TO OVERCOME THEM

- 9. And now, where is Christ? He is in heaven and therefore since we are in him we are already in heaven now. The new promised land! We need to possess it now.
 - a. The more then, I submit to him, the more I experience the joy of the Lord!
 - b. The more I walk in his ways the more this joy is mine.
- 10. God has given us everything we need for happiness in life <u>in</u> **Christ!**
 - a. Where are we now?

(NKJV) 2 Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- (1) These blessing are not something I am waiting for....These blessings are what I already have!
- (2) Who says this? The Lord God almighty!

WE MUST LEARN TO POSSES THE BLESSINGS GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN US IN HEAVEN

- D. Now this is critically important!
 - 1. Where is Christ?

(NKJV) Eph 1:20 which He (God the father) worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

- a. Again, Where is he?

 (NKJV) Heb 8:1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.
- 2. Where are our blessings? "every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ"
- 3. Think, if we are submitted to him, where are we? (NKJV) Jn 14:20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

a. Now if we are in him, Where is he? He is in the Father. Then where are we? We are in the Father! Already in heaven.

With God!

(NKJV) Eph 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

WE ARE ALREADY IN HEAVEN AND WE MAKE IT MANIFEST IN OUR LIVES BY OUR OBEDIENCE TO WALK IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD

- b. How do we make this be a tangible physical reality?
 - (1) We walk in his ways!
 - Jn 14: 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."
- 4. There it is! Walking in the way of the Lord causes us to experience the joy of the Lord and the blessings of heaven become ours!
- E. God is saying he has done this! He has blessed us with everything we need. Every Spiritual blessing NOW!
 (NKJV) 2 Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having
- F. Regardless of our situations God has given us a promise of joy and happiness in this life!

escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

- 1. Why aren't we manifesting this joy each and every day?
- 2. We have so many scriptures that tell us that we are blessed, made happy, made joyful by the power of Almighty God. Why aren't more of us experiencing it?
- 3. Not willing to meditate on his promises
- G. Again, another promise made long before this one when he promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob a land of their own. Moses spoke of it in **Exodus 6**. God had given them the Lord but they had to possess it themselves

GOD HAD GIVEN ISRAEL THE LAND BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO POSSESS IT FOR THEMSELVES

H. Joshua was to finally bring it to pass but how? (NKJV) Jos 1:2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. (NKJV) Jos 1:5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

(NKJV) Jos 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may **Observe** to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

MEDITATE AND OBSERVE (WALK IN) THE WAYS OF GOD

- 1. Understand God had already given them the land like he has given us every spiritual blessing.
- 2. But they had to do something to get it like we also have to do something. What was that?
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 - c. Walk in line with, not veering to the left or right, the word that you know.
 - (1) As you walk in the word you have heard you will make yourself free to possess the blessing
- I. It is important we get this point in our hearts and minds so that we begin to proclaim this wonderful act of God over our lives for it to manifest as a reality for us. How do we do this?
 - 1. In the Psalms 71 times at various places we read a certain word.

a. Selah

- (1) Meaning is uncertain today but it was possibly as a musical note to pause the song
- (2) Such an action could mean to meditate on the preceding words!
- b. Meditation was a common thing in biblical times something that need not be explained.
- 2. Meditation draws God into a persons life.

BIBLICAL MEDITATION LEADS TO A UNION OF THE MIND AND WILL OF MAN TO THE MIND AND WILL OF GOD!

- J. We have to find the promises and then make the effort to meditate on the them and then WALK in the ways of the Lord.
 - 1. As we are successful in the little things, he will grant us greater things!
 - 2. As we walk in the things we have heard, he will grant us more possession of the thing promised.
 - 3. We must break the fear and boldly take possession of the promises.

- K. Here is what The Word tells us:
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 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
 - 1. Now, as your meditation of the Word will strengthen you, start walking in the confidence that God is with you and will help to take possession of the spiritual blessing God has for you
- L. Remember Joshua had the promised land to take possession of. We have the promise of spiritual blessing we have to take possession of. Here is what we learn from Joshua:

(NKJV) Jos 1:2 "Moses My servant is dead. (the old man) Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, (every obstacle in your path) you and all this people (you are not only to be delivering yourself but those with you, family, church and all who within your influence), to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel (to receive the promised blessing God has already given). 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. (You must take possession by walking in the way God has said he has given you. Your walk must line up with you being in agreement with his word)

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