

The Blessed Life

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Matthew 5:6

Often, we view blessing as something we passively receive, waiting for God to pour out His favor while we simply accept it. But true blessing is not just about receiving; it’s about valuing and pursuing what God has already provided.

Jacob’s story illustrates this well. It wasn’t just that Isaac had a blessing to give; it was that Jacob *hungered* for it. He understood its value and was willing to go to great lengths to ensure he received it (Genesis 27). This relentless pursuit is what set him apart from Esau, who despised his birthright (Hebrews 12:16-17).

Likewise, the blessed life is not experienced by those who remain passive, but by those who hunger and thirst after God, pursuing Him with a sincere and steadfast heart. Jesus declared that *those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled* (Matthew 5:6). The blessed life is found in surrender; in yielding ourselves to His will, walking in obedience to His Word, and following the light of His truth. As we abide in Christ, His life begins to shape our own, and we discover that holiness is not something we achieve through human effort, but something we receive from the One who alone is holy. The more fully we surrender to Him, the more His character is revealed within us, and the more we experience the life He has prepared for His people.

The key is to value the blessing, recognize that the greatest blessing is not material wealth but intimacy with God. Like Jacob, desire it with everything in you, and pursue holiness.

Obedience and surrender are essential because God blesses those who walk in His ways (Psalm 1:1-3).

And seek God above all! The true blessing is in *Him*, not just in what He gives. Jesus said, *“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”* (Matthew 6:33)

Be Willing to Wrestle

Like Jacob wrestling with the angel (Genesis 32:24-30), sometimes we must press through in faith, refusing to let go until we receive what God has for us.

And live in gratitude, because the blessed life is one of thanksgiving.

When we recognize what we have been given in Christ, we live with joy and contentment (Ephesians 1:3).

Prayer:

Lord, help me to truly value the blessing You have given. Give me a heart that hungers and thirsts for righteousness. I surrender my life to You, help me walk in obedience and holiness so that I may live in the fullness of Your blessing. Amen.

Isaiah 1:19 *"If you are willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land."*

Genesis 27:15-29 *"Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. So he went to his father and said, 'My father.' And he said, 'Here I am. Who are you, my son?' Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.' But Isaac said to his son, 'How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?' And he said, 'Because the Lord your God brought it to me.' Isaac said to Jacob, 'Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.' So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.' And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. Then he said, 'Are you really my son Esau?' He said, 'I am.' He said, 'Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you.' So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, 'Come near now and kiss me, my son.' And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: 'Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field Which the Lord has blessed. Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, And let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be those who bless you!'"*

Ephesians 1:3-23 *"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, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved, in Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel*

of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Now go back and read this passage again and see how many times God is referenced (He, Him, His, Father, and Jesus Christ) quite amazing!