**The Blessed Way of the Righteous (sjm 4-27-2025)**

**Example from a restaurant in Kalamazoo: *(Holy Spirit – Man needed help so he sent his son to bless us)***

 ***(I really want to help people but that is why God sent his son Jesus – He is El Shaddai)***

**Blessing - a divine favor or gift bestowed by God, can include provision, protection, & well-being. Gal 3:13**

**Ps 1:1**  Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

**3And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

4The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

 **Blessed** – favorable circumstances – God blessed – Often from kind acts from God – joyfulness

 **Fruit** – results of actions or rewarded

**\*Ps 58:11 Then people will say, “Surely the righteous still are rewarded; surely there is a God who judges the earth.”**

 **Rewarded = Produce, fruit, produce a result or to be fruitful**

**Ps 15:1** Lord, who may dwell in your sacred dwelling place? Who may live on your holy mountain?

**2**The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

3 He that backbitteth not with his tongue *(speak ill or slander - don’t kill by friendly fire)*

**\*Ps 17:3** Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

**4**Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

**8**  Keep me as the apple of thy eye!

**Ps 139:23** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. 24Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

**Ps 19:14** Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

**Ps 24:3** Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

**4**He that hath clean hands & a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully

**5**He shall **receive the blessing from the Lord**, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**6**This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face,

**Ps 78:37** For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in their covenant *(established)*

 **Ps 78:37** They flattered him with their mouth, and lied to him with their tongue.

**Ps 144:15… How blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored] are the people whose God is the Lord!**

**Deut 28:1** And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt **hearken diligently** unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to **observe and to do** all his commandments which I command thee this day, that **the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:**

**2**And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt **hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.**

 **Listen to God – not the world (many voices out there)**

 **Observe to do**

 **What are the blessings of God if you hear his voice and follow his commands?**

**3**Blessed shalt thou be in the city & in the field

**4**Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, fruit of thy ground,

**5**Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

**6**Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

**7**The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

**8**The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

**10**And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.

**11**And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

**12**The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

**13**And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

**Gal 6:9** **9**And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

**Weary** – give up, discouraged or to lose heart

**Faint –** to give up: **Webster** = I loss of strength either physically or spiritually