

MESSAGE

Occasion : Sunday Evening Service
Date : June 24, 2018

TITLE : BLESSED TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSE
Text/s :

Eph 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
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Eph 1:8

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
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Eph 1:9

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
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Bible reading :

Matt 5:3-12

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
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Song/s :

INTRODUCTION

Eph 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
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1 Cor 12:7

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

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How has the Lord blessed us? The Beatitudes gives us a good illustration of how we are blessed. Here we see that each blessing is designed to meet a need or fulfill the desire of God's chosen.

According to the Beatitudes...

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A) The longings of the soul and characters are all met by God

1) The poor, the meek and the persecuted are given ownership in the Kingdom

Matt 5:3

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Matt 5:5

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Matt 5:10

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2) The mournful and given God's special comfort

Matt 5:4

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

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3) Those who hunger for righteousness are filled

Matt 5:6

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

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4) The merciful will obtain mercy

Matt 5:7

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5) The pure in heart will see God

Matt 5:8

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6) The peacemakers will be identified as children of God

Matt 5:9

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B) The practical needs of "wisdom and prudence" are also met.

Eph 1:8

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

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Eph 1:7-12

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

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Wisdom is knowledge focused toward useful application;

Prudence is the ability to develop successful activities based on wisdom.

The Word of God is the source of Wisdom

Deut 4:1-6

1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

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Prov 1:1-6

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

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2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

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2 Cor 10:4-6

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

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C) He has made known unto the mystery of His will

Eph 1:9

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

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Rom 16:25-26

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, **which was kept secret since the world began,**

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

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Eph 3:10

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

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Rom 11:33-36

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

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Rom 11:25

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

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1 Cor 12:7

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

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All these spiritual blessings are God-given resources by His spirit bestowed to us so we may be become profitable before Him. Let us not therefore think and act like we do not have these resources. Let us be the most profitable servants. If we will do like Hezekiah...

2 Chron 31:20-21

20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

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And not be like the wicked and slothful servant...

Matt 25:26-27

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

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Luke 19:22-23

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

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