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TOPIC: ARE YOU A BLESSING TO OTHERS?

Introduction

In our daily lives, we all need God's blessings. These blessings are invocation of favour from the Almighty Father to a person or a group of persons. This always brings relief and happiness to the beneficial. It was not an easy task for an inexperienced young man (David) to accept the risk of his life to fight to take away the shame from his people and save the name of the Lord from profanity (blaspheme)

The singular victory was a big relief to his people. The Children of Israel needed to make their lives relevant once again, **1 Sam. 17: 50**. They lost their courage and glory as a nation with a continuous defeat from their enemies.

You can be a David today for someone; for your family; your Church; your society; State; Nation, etc

Look for an act which can touch life, a positive one; an act that bring a relief, consolation, a restoration or rekindle hope.

David also said in **Psalms 11: 3**, *“If the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do”* Ans.... We the righteous people (Christians) use to restore the good foundations that was destroyed by the wicked – Satan. Here the blessing of the Lord shall be upon us.

Blessing may mean:

- a) The act or words of one that blesses
- b) Approval or encouragement
- c) A thing conducive to happiness or welfare
- d) Grace said at a meal
- e) Pronouncement of the favour of God to individuals or congregation.
- f) Worship service, especially observation of Holy Communion in the Church

Read: Gen. 27: 27 – 29; Num. 6: 22 – 27; Luke 24: 50; 2 Cor. 13: 11, 14; Phil. 4: 7; 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17; Heb. 13: 20 – 21

Blessing is the most common word in the Old Testament for God to do something to favour someone.

The term “blessing” also applies to thanksgiving or gifts from God. Matt. 14: 19; Mark 8: 7; Luke 24: 30

Aims of the Lesson

- ✓ To encourage Christians to do good always in their lives
- ✓ To make sure that they are eyes to those who do not see the need of fulfilling God’s purpose in their lives.
- ✓ To take risk in order to save people who are in distress – **Gen. 14: 14**
- ✓ To be faithful to others – **2 Tim. 2; 2 – 3** “Commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”
- ✓ To pray with confidence and faith through the name of Jesus Christ – **John 14: 14**
“If you ask anything in my name, I will do it”
- ✓ There are blessings in having confidence in Christ – **1 John 5: 14** – Firmness and truth.
- ✓ To endow with the power of success, prosperity and longevity.
- ✓ To have a life that is faithful and abundance – Gen. 12: 2 - 3

How to be a blessing to others:

The Lord spoke to Moses “Tell Aaron and his sons how you are to bless the Israelites”

From the record and history (time immemorial), the bible has told us those who were a blessing to their people, society, family, church, state, nation etc, Example:

1. David
2. Joseph – **Gen. 45: 7**
3. Esther – **Esther 8: 5 - 6**
4. Dorcas (Tabitha) – Acts 9: 36, 39
5. Paul, the Apostle of Christ
6. Jesus Christ

It is pertinent to say that, some people are a curse to others, family, church, society, nation, etc who are happy to destroy the original foundation that was laid for the goodness of the coming generation.

Be careful, do not allow Satan (the wicked one) to take away the blessing endowed in you. Remember the history of Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden. People like that are with us.

Apostle Paul, even though he was imprisoned, he still has the courage to write to Timothy, in **2 Tim. 3: 1 – 5** “But know this that, in the last days, for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanders, without self-control..... from such people, turn away from them”

Christ also told His disciple in:

Matt. 5: 10 “*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteous sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*”

Read: verse 7 and 9

Verse 11 – “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me”

Conclusion

David took more risks, not once. He took similar risk and controlled the army to defeat the Amalekites. He was not discouraged in putting his life at stake for the comfort of others. Today, as Christians, righteous people, endeavor to show love or pay a bill for someone who in need No matter how small it is, respond to the necessity of another person, pay a visit to who needs care or console/counsel, take up the responsibility that was waiting for a hand to execute it. You can be a guide, you can feed a Soul, you can also carry out any patriotic or philanthropic act just to bless a Soul.

Read: Isaiah 58: 10 - 12

Thank you and God bless you.