

“Blessed is the Man” by P. Becky
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Intro:

My prayer for this morning is that thru this message each of you will feel encouragement and you will be uplifted. The roles of fathers and mothers are being challenged like never before in history. *How do I do this thing called parenting???*

You are not inadequate or less than, but in fact, you are more than! You are being fully equipped to fulfill your role as your children’s parent because you have a helper, a teacher and a comforter living inside of you! In Christ you can do anything! In Christ you are more than enough! In Christ you are equipped! In Christ you are the priest of your home!

Psalm 1:1-3, 6a

This, the very first Psalm in God’s Holy Word, starts by telling us not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly! That there is a better way! *How do you know if it is ungodly counsel?*

Does it line up with God’s Word, does it line up with the Bible!

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly”

Blessed means to be happy and to have happiness. Joy is more than just feeling happy. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit’s work in your life. Joy cannot be measured by success or by things you have! There is a blessing, a joy that comes from walking in Godly ways.

In the Hebrew the word *“counsel”* here means *to advise and from the advice you have a plan and a purpose.*

The first place God wants us to go is to Him! Ask Him to show you what to do, look in the Bible and seek advice from God before even going to others. Then go to someone who is spiritually mature and who will give you Godly counsel.

“nor stand in the path of sinners”

This word *stand* means to *take one’s stand!* Then *to remain there* and the Hebrew definition talks about having not only a *standing attitude*, but also about *becoming servant* to that standing we have taken! Our *path* here refers to *our road or course of life* and the *character* we develop from taking this stand, also the *mode of action* we take when we make this stand. Ungodly advice can affect us in our attitudes, our actions and our character!

“nor sits in the seat of the scornful”

We have now let this ungodly advice affect our speech, our actions, and our attitudes! And when we *sit*, as this word in the Hebrew refers to it being, *a dwelling and remaining there*

In the Hebrew the meaning of the word *scornful* literally *refers to our talk, our mouth, and talking arrogantly, scoffing and deriding, becoming a mocker and a scorner.*

When we buy into taking a seat and sitting with the scornful, we are literally helping the devil out with his ungodly plan in that situation.

Gossip (backbiting) = “defamation” False or unjustified injury of the good reputation of another, idle talk or rumor, to attack the character or reputation of a person who is not present

Scorn = “derision” To treat or regard with contempt and disdain. To despise.

Mock = “to laugh outright, to make sport of” to attack or treat with ridicule, to mimic and imitate.

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.”

We will find pleasure in it because God’s Word is life-giving.

When we read His Word there is a longing and a desire that develops within us to have more and more of Him.

His “laws” are simply His principles, directions and instructions to us on how to do life. God wants it to become our custom and manner in how we live our lives, how we do life. Our customs are our habits or our usual way of doing things.

The Bible talks about the customs or practices, even sins of the fathers, that have been passed down from 3 or 4 generations ago. **Exodus 20:5** These practices may be ungodly or Godly! First walking in it, then

standing in it, then sitting in it. You can break the generational bondages that have been in your family today! You can turn what was into what is now going to be!

God wants it to become our custom to walk, stand and sit in His instructions and in His ways! Who we are in Him is your true self!

“He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season,”

You will be like a tree planted by His rivers of water! When a tree is planted by water it is set firmly in place by the source of its nourishment – water and soil. When it is planted and set firmly in place it will bring forth fruit in its season. It will produce the fruit that it was created to produce!

The word **fruit** here is an interesting word because it actually means **“offspring or children of the womb”**. It also means **reward**! When you are planted and have set Godly principles and God’s way as your ways, then you will produce fruit, it will come in its season, in God’s timing.

“whose leaf also shall not wither;”

In the tough times we can feel like we are withering. Like we are wilting and failing. Like we are going to just shrivel up. We may even feel faint and like we have nothing left to give. That’s when God comes and says, you are planted by My waters, in My soil, in My Word and I will sustain you even through this.

“and whatever he does shall prosper.”

Whatever you do will **prosper**! This word in the Hebrew means **to push forward and to break out!** To **advance and succeed**, to make **progress**! What if God’s idea is that first you prosper in Him through your thoughts and your attitudes, through the way you do life, then He will bless you with the things He feels you need and even the things you desire because now your heart is turned to Him and your desires of your heart are His desires!

Psalm 37:4 ***“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.”*** He knows your heart even better than you know your heart! He knows your ways even when you are in denial about your habits and customs!

Psalm 1:6a ***“For the Lord knows the way of the righteous...”***

Conclusion...

You are not inadequate or less than, but in fact, you are more than! When others try to dictate to you who they think you are – the Spirit of God comes and surrounds you and builds you up! The Spirit of God is the breath of God and He breathes in you who God has declared and created you to be! You are a child of the Living God, a child of the Almighty One, a child of the King of kings and Lord of lords! You are being fully equipped to fulfill your role as your children’s parent because you have a helper, a teacher and a comforter living inside of you!

In Christ you can do anything! In Christ you are more than! In Christ you are equipped! In Christ you are the prospering in your home!

Matthew 5:3-11

Jesus taught His disciples these amazing truths about His ways and they are for us today! He teaches us thru these verses that we will have a happiness, the world cannot even come close to matching, when we catch the revelations that these verses bring.

True happiness is not found in wealth or possessions, but in having a spirit humility, of genuineness, of honor and Christ’s character within us.

These verses tell us that when we carry Christ’s character and His Spirit within us ...

We will have the Kingdom of Heaven working in us right here on earth!

We will inherit the earth!

We will be filled and we will have mercy!

We will see God and be called the sons of God!

Even if we are persecuted because of becoming a righteous person, the Kingdom of Heaven is ours!

And then it ends with this...

11. “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12a. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven...!”