

Blessing

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BLESSING

- **What is it?**
- **Have you been “BLESSED”? How?**

God is A God of Blessing

- **1st act in Bible**
- **God's Desire to Bless**

Rom 10:12

"the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him "

Ez 34:25-26

25 " 'I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. 26 I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. [a] I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.

Greatest Blessing in Life outside of relationship with God/man?

- **Material Abundance? (Esther 5:9-13)**

9 Haman went out that day happy and in high spirits. But when he saw Mordecai at the king's gate and observed that he neither rose nor showed fear in his presence, he was filled with rage against Mordecai. 10 Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home.

Calling together his friends and Zeresh, his wife, 11 Haman boasted to them about his vast wealth, his many sons, and all the ways the king had honored him and how he had elevated him above the other nobles and officials. 12 "And that's not all," Haman added. "I'm the only person Queen Esther invited to accompany the king to the banquet she gave. And she has invited me along with the king tomorrow. 13 But all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate."

Greatest Blessing in Life outside of relationship with God/man?

- **Abundance vs. Peace?**

Prov 17:1

“Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.”

Ps 29:11

“11 The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.”

Two Types of Peace

- **External**

- War in Cambodia, Iraq, Georgia/Russia
- Detached & Taken for granted

- **Internal**

John 14:27

-27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Prov 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body,
but envy rots the bones.

“Peace Gives Life”

Why Peace?

- **Most Words have one OPPOSITE**
 - Sad/Happy
 - Rich/Poor
- **What is opposite of PEACE**
 - War?
 - Fighting inside?
 - Anger/Bitterness
 - Fear/Anxiety
 - Hurt / Rejection

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- **More significant than things**

How Do I Get "Peace"?

(Gods wants to give it)

- **Seek & Pursue it (Ps 34:14)**
- **Live life pleasing to Lord (Pr 16:7)**
 - Even enemies lives at peace with him
- **Pray with Thanksgiving (Phil 4:6-7)**

- **Share it**
 - **1Tim 2:1-4**
 - **Luke 10:1-5**
 - **Eph 6:15**

Today's Peace Symbols

- **Today's symbols**

- **Jesus' meaning**

- **John 20:19, 21, 26**
- **No worry, fear**
- **No hiding, anger**
- **No more fighting**
- **PEACE**
- **BLESSING!**



Prayer

- **Pray prayer of blessing for one another**
- **Pray for Peace for one another**
- **This week, ask the Lord for people whom you can bless with peace**