

GOD WANTS YOU BLESSED

God Wants Us Blessed Upon The Earth

Intro: There is little debate about the reality that God wants us blessed. There is much contention as to when, where and how much God wants us blessed.

- I. **God wants us blessed on the Earth**—*Ps41:1*—*Blessed is he that considereth the poor (Pr29:7—The righteous considereth the cause of the poor): the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. ²The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be **blessed upon the earth**: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. ³ CEV—You always heal them and restore their strength when they are sick*
 - A. Blessed includes deliverance, protection, victory, healing—God wants you to experience these in the Earth—*Ps74:12—For God is my King of old, working **salvation** (deliverance, aid, victory, prosperity, health) **in the midst of the Earth—Pr11:31—Behold the righteous shall be **recompensed** (make prosperous) in the Earth***
 - B. Many believe blessing comes in Heaven—We enjoy deliverance, protection, victory, healing in Heaven, but on Earth we live a struggling existence
 1. God doesn't promise us good days, He promises a great eternity—**WRONG**—*Jb36:11—If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their **days in prosperity**, and their **years in pleasures**; Ps23:6—**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life**; Ps37:19—**In the days of famine they shall be satisfied**; Ps90:14—**O satisfy us with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days**;*
 - C. God's will for us doesn't change based on our location—He doesn't have 2 different wills for us; (EX: My will for my daughters is the same)
 - D. We can enjoy a blessed existence both on the earth and in Heaven—*Mk10:29—There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,³⁰But he shall receive an hundredfold **now in this time**, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; **and in the world to come eternal life**; 1**Tm4:8—Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come**; EX—**Serving God brings you blessings in this life and in the future life***
 - E. God wants me blessed on the Earth and a life of struggle, brokenness and hurt is not a blessed one
- II. **If you believe blessing is for after this life it two things happen:**
 - A. Your expectation affects your experience—If you believe blessing isn't for now and expect to struggle through this life you will—*Mt8:13—As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee; Mt9:29—According to your faith be it unto you; Mk11:23*
 - B. You'll succumb to a cursed existence in this life and you won't contend for a blessed one—“Such is this life, but in glory it'll all change.”
- III. **Blessed doesn't mean you experience no challenges, it means you overcome them**
 - A. Psalm 41—Delivered from trouble means you were in some, being preserved means things came to take you out, not being delivered unto the will of your enemies means you have some, being healed means you needed to be
 - B. People try to use Paul as the poster child of a struggling existence but he enjoyed a blessed existence in this life—Not absent of challenges, absent of defeat—*2**Tim3:11—Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me**; 12 All that will live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution; Ph4:18—I have all and abound: I am full; 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me; Rm8:35—Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us; 2**Tim4:7—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith***