

2 Chronicles 20, part 4 "The Valley of Blessing"
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Which would you rather have?

1. A warehouse filled with bread
2. OR a dad who owns a bakery

(2 Chronicles 20:22) As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

- God is a good God who wants to bless His children

James 1:17 (NLT) Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father...

- **Blessing # 1 – Victory, God is for us and not against us**

(2 Chronicles 20:23-24) The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked towards the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no-one had escaped.

(Romans 8:37) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

- **Blessing # 2 – Possessions; stuff**

(2 Chronicles 20:25) So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value--more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT) Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

(Psalms 84:11, NLT) For the LORD God is our light and protector. He gives us grace and glory. No good thing will the LORD withhold from those who do what is right.

- **Blessing # 3 – memories of God's goodness to us**

(2 Chronicles 20:26) On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Beracah to this day.

- **My people . . . remember your journey" (Micah 6:5)**

(Micah 6:5) My people, remember what Balak king of Moab counselled and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

- Homework: stop and remember your journey with God – read Psalm 103 & praise the Lord

- **Blessing # 4 - joy**

(2 Chronicles 20:27) Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies.

(Nehemiah 8:10b) ... Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

- **Blessing # 5 – the fear of the Lord**

(2 Chronicles 20:28-29) They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lutes and trumpets. The fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

(Isaiah 46:9) Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

(Proverbs 1:7) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

- **The fear of the Lord is to worship, respect, and love Him so much that we desire to obey Him**

Psalms 112:1 Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

(Matthew 10:28, NLT) "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

- **Blessing # 6 – Peace and rest (emotional, physical, and spiritual)**

(2 Chronicles 20:30) And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

Isaiah 48:22 (NLT) "But there is no peace for the wicked," says the Lord.

(Romans 5:1, NLT) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

(Philippians 4:6-7, NLT) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

How to be blessed by God:

1. **Do WHAT He says**
2. **Do it HOW He says**
3. **Do it WHEN He says**

(Psalms 16:2) I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

- **Blessing # 7 – Sins forgiven and a CF**

Psalms 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Mark 1:15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- **Repent – a change of mind that brings a change in lifestyle**
- **Believe – an action word – begin to follow Jesus**

Here is what you will get when you become a follower of Jesus!

- **Forgiveness of all your sins**
- **A personal relationship with God**
- **A clean conscience**
- **Peace of mind**
- **Release from guilt**
- **Hope for today**
- **Adventure- being a follower of Jesus**
- **Daily direction and guidance in life**
- **Joy and happiness**
- **Fulfillment and purpose for living**
- **Comfort in life's trials**
- **Power to defeat temptation**
- **The guarantee of Heaven**