



Morning Life Ministries / What God is Saying

**“Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”
Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him.
Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.
~ Isaiah 40:9-10 NASB95 ~**

Hello partners and friends

I gratefully pray for you all as Paul prayed for the Thessalonians,

11 To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 NASB95

The Spirit of God inspired Paul to pray 3 things here :

1. That they [we] would be worthy of their [our] divine calling in Christ Jesus
2. That God would fulfill their [our] every desire for goodness, and
3. The work or activity of their [our] faith with His power

All of these things were for the purpose that **"the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him"**. Notice, God does not merely seek His Son to be glorified by us, but that we also would be glorified in Him. When God glorifies us, He does it by the power of His Blessing and He adds no sorrow to it.

When we glorify ourselves, it comes with toil and sorrow. See, our business is God's glory – our glory is God's business.

Being counted worthy of the Calling of God in Christ Jesus is *the first thing* mentioned here by which the Name of Jesus is glorified and us in Him. Not everyone is called to stand behind a pulpit, but everyone is called to something in the Kingdom of God. This is not for us to decide, but for us to discover – what God has called us to.

While God's Kingdom Call should be our priority, the Father also wants to **"fulfill [our] every desire for goodness"**. Many Christians however, have mistakenly made *first* things the *only* things. Forgiveness of sins is the first benefit mentioned in Psalm 103, but God also heals all our diseases, redeems us from destruction, crowns us with love and compassion, renews our youth, executes justice and **"satisfies your mouth with good things"**. (see Psalm 103:1-7)

Forgiveness of sins is one of *many benefits* God has for those who follow Him. But every benefit that follows belongs to us just as much as the first! In fact our right standing with God which comes through the forgiveness of sins gives us full access to every benefit that follows in the Psalm 103 list.

The New Testament even adds to the list by including the indwelling Holy Spirit in the New Birth and the Baptism of the Spirit with speaking in other tongues. If forgiveness of sins was the only benefit, we would be grateful. But we can step into everything else Jesus purchased for us as well. Glory to God!

People say things like, "God who meets our needs, but not our wants." Hold on. Does God not want to *fulfill our every desire for good*? Many would say He is not interested in such things, that because there are *more important purposes* in His heart – our desires have *no importance* to Him. But they would be ignoring these verses to say that! What about this promise,

**Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**
- Psalm 37:4 NKJV

Not all desires are totally selfish. If you are anything like myself, one of the desires for goodness in your heart is to be a Blessing to others, especially those who have Blessed me in ministry and my natural family. Even so **"God gives us richly all things,"** Why? Because we *need* them? No. All things are given to us

by God **"... to enjoy"**! His children's gladness is on our Fathers mind (see Psalm 115:12).

The Lord has been mindful of us;

He will bless us. . .

- Psalms 115:12a NKJV

See in the wisdom of God there is an Order to everything. God is the God of Order because God is the God of [true] wisdom. In His order every good thing He created has its proper Place, Priority and Purpose. The Kingdom of God functions by the supremacy of the wisdom of God and is the divine formation of rank, structure, order and authority.

When we expound on the Kingdom of God that way, it is the tendency to think, "Where then is any room for our **"every desire for goodness"**?" Listen up! God created our natural life as well as our spiritual life, He has good plans for both. In fact He desires that we prosper (financially, materially) and be in health (physically) even as our souls prosper (see 3 John 2). That was said to believers already born again. Their spirits did not need to be reborn – their minds needed to be renewed.

When we put first things first, the other things are not left out. When God's priorities become our priorities, we step into the [higher] flow of faith and God moves on the scene to take care of everything else! We could say when we put spiritual things first – soulical, physical, material, financial things follow. Hallelujah!

If you have not heard the recent series The Lord gave us called "New Testament Circumcision", I encourage you to do so for free on our website and social media pages. Do not be discouraged by the title – The Lord really gave some powerful revelation and truth that makes free. It is for *you*, friend!

So as you consider your part in this ministry, be decided in your heart under no compulsion from us. But do so cheerfully, for God loves a cheerful giver (see 2 Corinthians 9:7)! Give in Love, give in Faith, give in the Hope of your harvest, in Jesus' Name!

Grace and peace to you all,
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