

Beatitudes
What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD

Text: Psalm 2

Introduction:

1. “Where the word *blessed* is hung out as a sign, we may be sure that we shall find a godly man within.” - *Sir Richard Baker*
2. Biblically, the word “blessed” refers to those whose sufficiency comes from God and not from the circumstances of life.
3. The “blessed” are those who inherit the promise made to Abraham by conforming to God’s Will and being added to the body of Christ.
4. This psalm contrasts self-righteousness with God’s righteousness, man’s way with God’s way, and rebellion with submission.

I. Man’s Rebellion Against God (vs. 1-3)

- A. The kings of the earth set themselves against God and His plan of redemption.
- B. The word “heathen” refers to the Gentile nations.
 1. They rage as a tumultuous sea against the God of Heaven.
 2. They array themselves in hostility and stand against God and His divine authority.
 3. The NT commentary on this passage is Romans 1:18-32
 - a. Idiocy (1:21)
 - b. Idolatry (1:22-23)
 - c. Immorality (1:24-32)
- C. The word “people” refers to the Israelites – God’s chosen people.
 1. They meditate on their own schemes which are empty.
 2. They take counsel with one another in rejection of God’s authority.
 3. The NT commentary on this passage is Romans 2:1-29
 - a. Self-righteousness
 - b. Immorality
- D. Their desire was to break the bands of God’s authority.
- E. The result was a rejection of God’s scheme of redemption – culminating in the coming of the Messiah.
 1. Thus, the Gentiles ignored the coming of Christ.
 2. And the Jews rejected Jesus as the Messiah.

II. God’s Rejection Of Man (vs. 4-9)

- A. In spite of man’s rebellion, God still rules in the earth.
- B. He laughs at man’s attempts to thwart His plan.
- C. He will punish those who rebel against Him.
- D. And, when all is said and done, God’s King – Jesus – sits upon the throne.
- E. He reigns as God’s Son (cf. Ac. 13:33; Heb. 1:5; 5:5).
- F. His kingdom reaches around the world, even among the Gentiles.
- G. He brings to naught the kingdoms of men that rebel against Him.

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- III. Man's Response to God (vs. 10-12)
- A. The wise thing to do is to be instructed of God by His Word.
 - B. Instead of rebelling, the wise person will serve God with reverence!
 - C. Instead of constructing a man-made plan of salvation, the wise man will submit to the doctrine of the Son!
 - D. The blessed man is one who puts his trust in God – not in man!
 - 1. We must not serve the “God of our choice.”
 - 2. We cannot choose the “Messiah of our choice.”
 - 3. We dare not follow the “plan of salvation of our choice.”
 - 4. We should not join the “church of our choice.”
 - 5. We will not create the “worship of our choice.”

Conclusion:

- 1. Rebellion against God begins (and ends) with our attitude toward His authority.
- 2. If we rebel, God will reject and punish us.
- 3. The blessed man recognizes that God is sovereign and puts his trust in Him.
- 4. The blessed man submits to the will of God – the New Testament of Christ.
- 5. The blessed man will not trust his soul to the doctrines of men.