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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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THE BLESSED MAN OF PSALMS

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In the KJV, the word “Blessed” occurs 49 times in 47 verses within the book of Psalms, one of many great themes throughout the book. Psalms teaches us how to be blessed, as well as the characteristics of the “blessed man.” The meaning of this word, according to Strongs, is “happiness.” Who is the happy or blessed man?

PSALM 1. Psalm 1 contrasts the blessed man with the ungodly. Thus, we learn the blessed man is not an ungodly man. Study the characteristics of the ungodly and don’t do those things, if you want to be the blessed man! The blessed man is one who, “*Walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night*” (Ps. 1:1-2). Is that you?

HE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD. Trust is a key theme in Psalms. “*Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him*” (Ps. 2:12). “*O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him*” (Ps. 34:8).

HE WHOSE TRANSGRESSION IS FORGIVEN. Psalm 32:12, “*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*” The wise man penned, “*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy*” (Prov. 28:13). When we try to cover our sins, we shall not prosper. The only way to have sin forgiven is by having it covered by God. God only covers our sin when we obey His will (Mt. 7:21-23; Rom. 1:16-17; Heb. 5:9).

HE WHO RESPECTETH NOT THE PROUD. “*Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies*” (Ps. 40:4). In order to be the blessed man, there are people and things that we must not respect! Too often, people respect the wrong people. The person that will abide and dwell is the one “*In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord*” (Ps. 15:3).

HE THAT CONSIDERETH THE POOR. “*Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble*” (Ps. 41:1). We need a hand that is opened wide (Dt. 15:7-11).

THEY THAT DWELL IN GOD’S HOUSE. “*Blessed are*

they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee” (Ps. 84:4). The house of God is the church (1 Tim. 3:15). We are added to the Lord’s church when we gladly receive the Lord’s word and are baptized (Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Cor. 12:13). We are not to forsake the assembling (Heb. 10:25). Where do you dwell?

WHOM THE LORD CHASTENEST. “*Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law*” (Ps. 94:12). The Lord’s word chastens us (2 Tim. 3:16-17). “*Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord*” (Heb. 12:5).

THE MAN THAT FEARS THE LORD. “*Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments*” (Ps. 112:1). Fear for the Lord causes the man to walk in His ways (Ps. 128:1). He will depart from evil and do good (Ps. 34:11-14).

PSALM 119:1-3. “*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways.*”

Are you the blessed man?

HONOR MOTHER

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“Mother” occurs 249 times in the word of the Lord. The first occurrence is in Genesis 2:24 where the Bible says, “*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*” Throughout the Scriptures, the Lord teaches that mother is to be honored.

PASSAGES TEACHING HONOR FOR MOTHER. The fifth commandment stated, “*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee*” (Ex. 20:12). This is repeated in Deuteronomy 5:16. The law carried the death penalty for “*he that smiteth his father, or his mother*” (Ex. 21:15) and “*he that curseth his father, or his mother*” (Ex. 21:17). This is also taught in Leviticus 20:9. Leviticus 19:3 records, “*Ye shall fear every man his mother....*” To “*fear*” mother is to give her honor and respect. The book of Proverbs often instills respect for mother (1:8; 6:20; 15:20; 19:26; 20:20; 23:22; 28:24; 30:11, 17). Honoring mother is incorporated

in the New Testament. Ephesians 6:2, “*Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*” Thus, to honour mother is to promote well-being and length of days. To fail to honor mother, as the Bible teaches, is to dishonor and disobey God.

WAYS OF HONORING MOTHER. Now that we have learned that we are to honor mother, what are some ways honor is shown for mother? We honor mother by:

How we speak to and of her. Honor is shown in our speech. How do you speak to your mother? Do you address her with respect? How do you speak of her to others? May we always show the proper respect for mother in how we speak.

Obeying her. Mother is to be obeyed. The law of Moses taught, “*If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the*

gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die...” (Dt. 21:18-21). It is written, “*The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it*” (Prov. 30:17). Children are responsible to obey their mother.

Forsake not her law.

Wisdom literature instructs: “*My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother*” (Prov. 1:8). “*My son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee*” (Prov. 6:20-22).

Be a wise son. “*A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother*” (Prov. 10:1). “*A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother*” (Prov. 15:20).

Honor mother every day!

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