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Blessed Blessings ***Dan Jenkins***

Sometimes the best way to define a word is to look at the word which stands in opposition to it. We use the words “blessed” or “blessing” so often and in so many ways that we lose track of their exact meaning. Take a moment and look at the words that are the opposite words—cursed and cursing.

Think of the emphasis the Bible gives to those who fail to find His favor and blessings and come under judgment. “The Lord is angry with the wicked every day” (Psa. 7:11). “Even his prayer is an abomination” (Prov. 28:9). “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:31). “A certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries” (Heb. 10:27). This is the opposite of being blessed by God and finding favor in His sight. A simple definition of the word “blessed” is that it means “happy.” But, that word is too “simple” to see how magnificently blessed it is when we find His blessed favor.

The words of the song, “Blessed Assurance,” were first published 150 years ago. The fact that it is so often sung today is evidence of how so many have rejoiced in the fact that we live under His favor and find great hope in Him. It was written by Fanny J. Crosby, who was blind from six weeks old. Mrs. Crosby wrote at least 4,000 hymns, possibly 8,000.

The first stanza of “Blessed Assurance” describes how wonderful it is to be His child. “Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!” It then looks at specific ways we are blessed—“heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.” Read these phrases again and think soberly about how they express the blessing of having His favor.

The second stanza speaks of the perfect delight which we have when we submit to Him and His control of our lives. It looks upward to see the rapturous blessings of vision depicted as angels descending from heaven to bring them. Two specific blessings are mentioned— “echoes of mercy” and “whispers of love.”

The third stanza turns our hearts to the peace we have. “Perfect submission, all is at rest.” In Christ, we are “happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.”

Is there any wonder why the chorus speaks of this blessed assurance being our story and our song? We are “praising my Savior all the day long.”

There is so much depth in the meaning of songs which for centuries have stirred the hearts of others. They have become part of the “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” today. Think of the words of these songs, and let them lift you upward toward heaven.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Does Jesus See What
He Wants to See?
Revelation 3:15

PM - Lessons in Lyrics
Songs by Tillit S. Teddlie
1 Corinthians 14:15-16

Happenings

South Jackson

October 19-21

Annual Gospel Meeting
David Powell is our speaker

Area Events Posted On the
bulletin board

Cards to Send

Roberta Donaldson
123 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

James Morris
C/O Vanessa Perry
97 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	3
Bible Class	44/5
AM Worship	87/10
PM Worship	46/0
Wed Bible Study	50/4
Contribution	3795
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 5 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R.Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Jef Dove

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Eddie Anderson

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Oct 12 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM -J. Butcher, Paul Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

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Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Van McConnell

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ronald Clouse

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Ray Pack

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Ray Pack

Oct 8 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

Oct 15 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM