

THE LIFE GOD BLESSES

PSALM 1:1-6
MATTHEW 5:1-12
1 PETER 3:8-17



PSALM 1:1-6 (NKJV)

¹ Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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A photograph of a family of four jumping joyfully in a grassy field under a blue sky with clouds. The mother is in the center, wearing a pink top and jeans, holding hands with a young boy on the left. The father is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt and jeans, holding a young girl. All four are smiling and jumping. The text "THE LIFE GOD BLESSES" is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

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MATTHEW 5:1-12 (NKJV)

¹ And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

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⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰

For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

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¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” ¹³ And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

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¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."*

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;* ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For *it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

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To "Be Of One Mind" 8 - (all of you, have unity of mind, ESV)...



- To be united in the same purpose, the same goal
- Achieved when all submit to the will of God in attitude & faith - Eph 4:1-7
- ◆ Jesus' prayer - Jn 17:20-21
- ◆ Teaching of Paul - Phili 1:27
- ◆ If we are REALLY following Jesus we will be! 1 Cor. 1:10-13

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Those Who Do GOOD Anyway – 1 Pet 3:8-17

1 Peter 3:8 (NKJV)

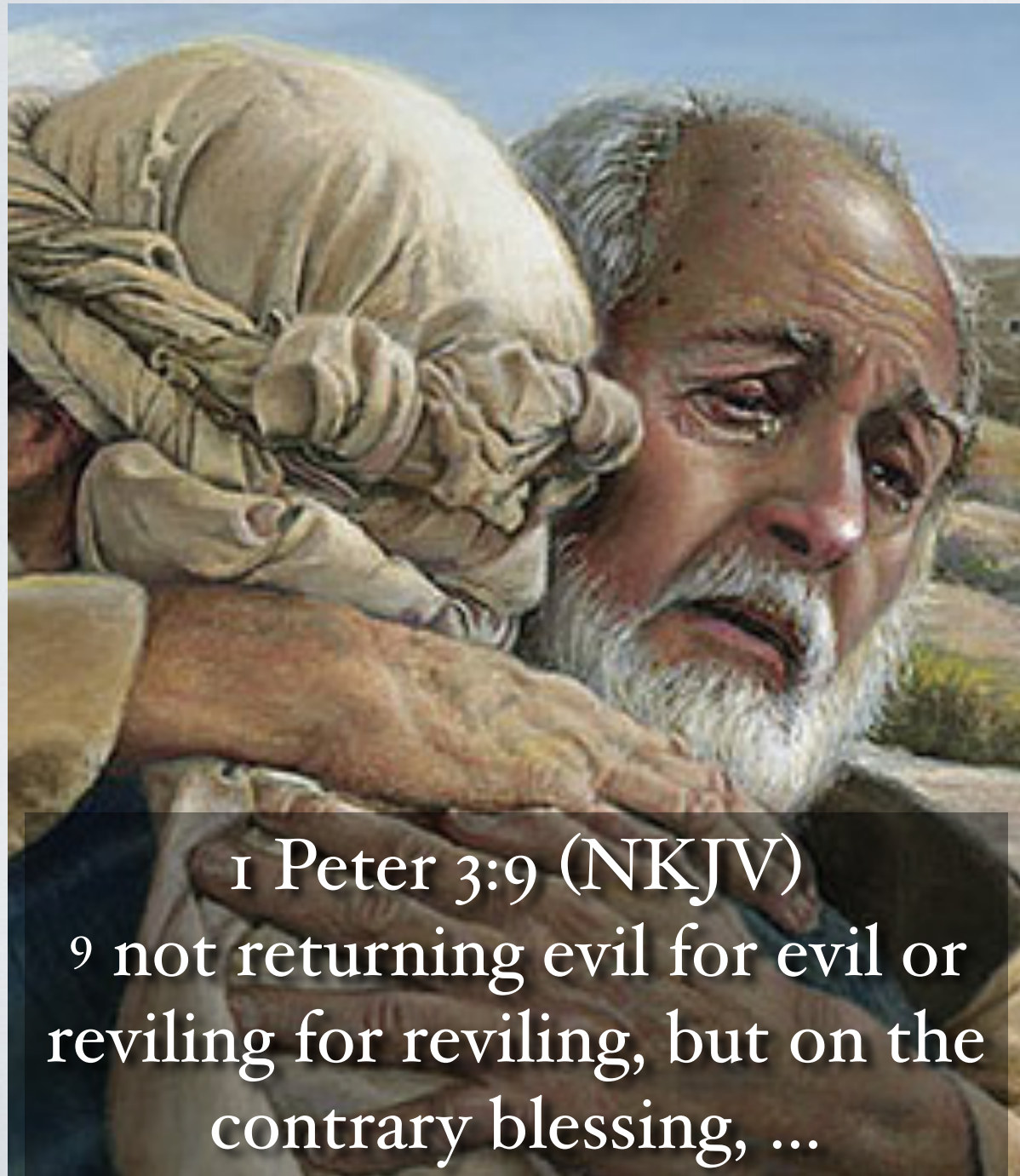
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- Those who are merciful & **compassionate** — Mat 9:35-36; He 4:15; Ro 12:15
- Those who are “**brother lovers**,” — 1 John 4:7-8,20
- The **tenderhearted**, — Ep 4:22-24,31-32; Co 3:8-10,12
- Those who are **courteous**; ESV - “*a humble mind*” — Ja 3:17; Ro 12:9-16; Ph 2:3-5



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- Those who "Return Blessing"
- ◆ **When done wrong – do right** – there is NEVER an excuse to return wrong for wrong! - vs 9 – Mat 5:39; 5:44; Rom 12:17; 1 Thes 5:15
- ◆ **When spoken against – do not respond in kind – vs. 9** - speak only what is good and kind – 1 Pet 2:20-23; Mat 5:44; Lk 6:28; 23:34

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1 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

9 ... knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.



■ Those who "**Return Blessing**"

- ◆ We are **called** to follow Jesus, which will result in persecution — 1 Peter 2:21-23; John 13:15; 1 Thess. 3:3,4; 2 Ti. 3:12;
- ◆ The final result of following Jesus is to be **blessed** as He was blessed — Matt. 16:24; Lu. 24:26. Ac. 17:3. He. 2:10.

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(Quote from Psalm 34:12-16)

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■ Those who “**Follow GOOD**”

◆ To “**suffer for righteousness' sake,**” is to be blessed - (vs 14; Is 8:12) – Mat. 5:10–12; 10:18–22,28,39; 16:25; 19:29; Rom 5:3-5; Jam 1:1-5

◆ “But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts**” - (vs. 15) – (NU – “sanctify Christ as Lord” – Set the Lord as your ONLY ruler and protector) – Mat. 10:28; Rom 8:31

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- ◆ “Always be ready to **give a defense** to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you” - (vs 15) – Acts 4:13-20; 5:29-32; 8:4; Rom 1:16; Rev 2:10
- ◆ “With **meekness** and **fear**” - (vs. 15) – with gentleness of manner and respect for men and reverence towards God – Mat 10:28

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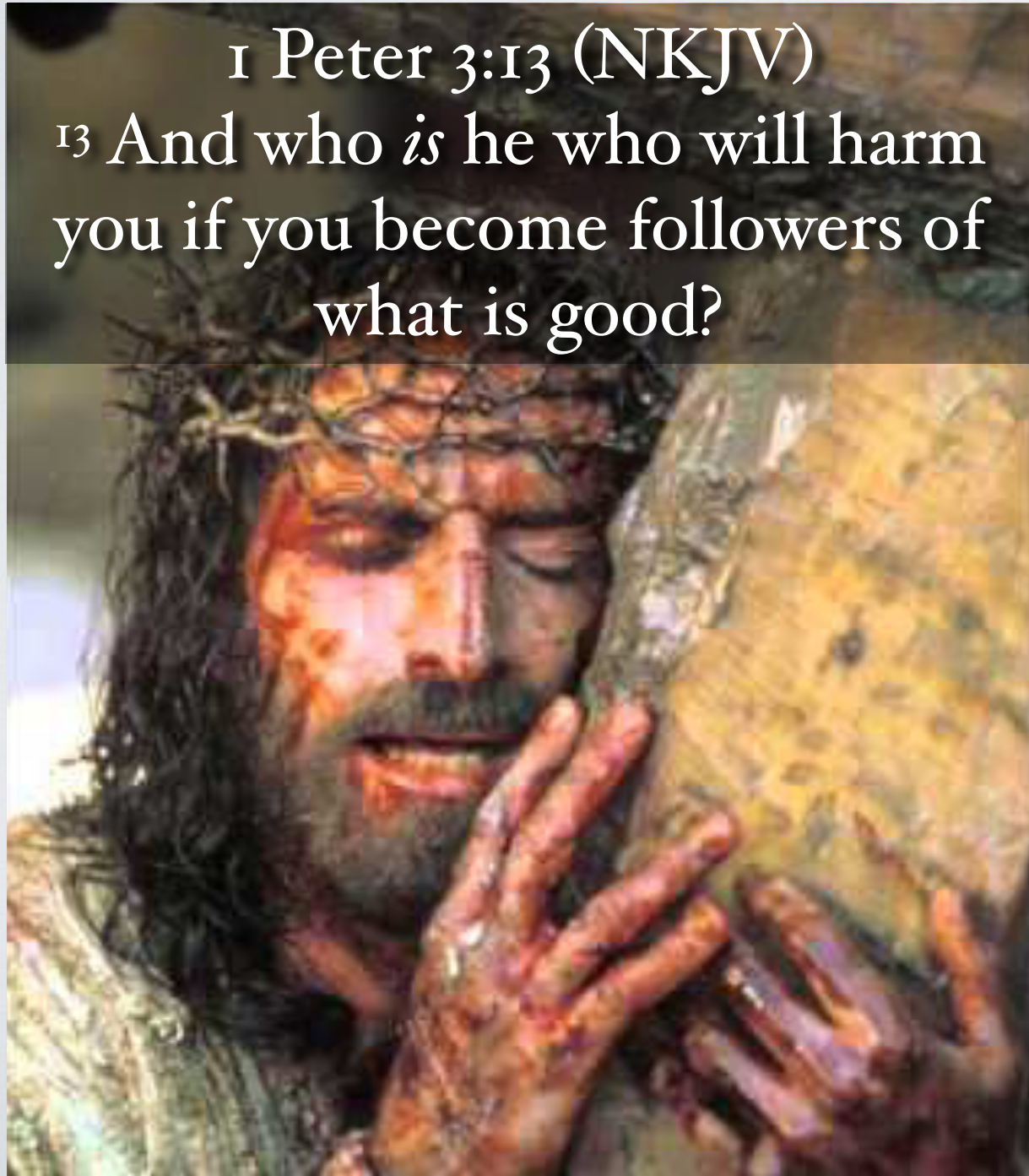
- “Having a good **conscience**” – knowing you have stood for the truth in the face of suffering - (vs 16)
- ◆ Having obeyed the truth - 3:21; cf. 1:22,23;
- ◆ Having the desire & intent to always obey God - 2:19
- ◆ Always doing what we believed to be good and right - Acts 24:16

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- Those who follow and hold to God's word.
- Treat others right – (compassionate, kindness, tenderhearted, humility)
- Suffer for righteousness sake
- Sanctify the Lord in our hearts
- Courageously stand up for the truth
- Keep our conscience clean

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Are you living
the kind of life
GOD BLESSES?

IF WE ARE Faithfully
Following God's Word, One
Day Our Hope Will Be
Reality! (1 Pet. 1:3-9)



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Hell



Heaven

Those Who
Do NOT!
2 Thes 1:7-9
Rom. 2:5-11
2 Cor. 5:10

Those who **hear, believe, repent, confess** Christ, are **baptized** and faithfully follow Christ, **persevering** till the end -

Luke 8:11; Rom 10:17

John 8:24; Heb 11:6

Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30

Roma. 10:9,10

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

Heb 10:35-39; 1 Cor. 15:58

James 1:16-25 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

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²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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