



All Spiritual Blessings

Ephesians is one of the greatest, if not the greatest books in the Bible. It is addressed to the faithful in Christ Jesus, and it contains tons of great insight into who we are in Christ according to God's mighty promises.

(Eph 1:3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Have you ever considered what "all spiritual blessings" means? This word "spiritual" means, "things of a spiritual nature." Another way to say it is, "spiritual matters." God has blessed



us with all spiritual matters! "Blessings" has a meaning referring to "speaking well of." Do you remember when Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, and looked up to heaven. When he did this, he then "blessed" the food. He spoke well of it. He thanked God for the food. A blessing is a form of praise. It is a very nice thing to say and do. And that's exactly what God did for us when he endowed upon us all very nice spiritual matters.

The extreme of us having been

blessed with such spiritual abundance is practically out of reach of our languages, but God captures it in three words – all spiritual blessings. To me, that is absolutely amazing! When something is blessed, it is made wonderful in the process. People bless others all of the time. *God has blessed us for ALL TIME.* Did you notice from where these spiritual blessings came? The next phrase tells it all. It says, "in heavenly places in Christ." You can remove "places" because this word is not in the text. These spiritual matters have a home in the heavens in Christ. God has framed them quite well within the boundaries of heaven and the reign of His son Jesus Christ. Of course, you

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should start putting this together in your understanding. Perhaps you can perceive that these heavenly spiritual matters have all to do with God, the things of God, God's dwelling place in His heaven, and Christ. Those are a lot of items, and they all apply to you. You are blessed, spoken well of, by God, regarding this manifold gift of all heavenly spiritual matters in Christ. Christ has access to these same spiritual matters. They are amazingly significant.

(Rom 12:14) Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

These are absolutely no cursings in God's blessings. Everything that God has given you is most wonderful in every aspect. People often try to contaminate the things of God due to their gross lack of spiritual insight and understanding. Perhaps they

should read Ephesians? The blessings of God cannot harm you or yours in any way. *God is not in the business of bringing bad upon you;* He is in the business of loving you and caring for you and He has done that through a heavenly "spiritual matters" endowment.

(James 3:8-10) But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. {9} Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. {10} Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Man can both bless and curse and he does this with his words. The opposite of blessing someone is cursing someone. Cursing someone means that you bring

doom to his or her life. Like I said before, people say that God is bad and brings bad upon people. But He hasn't done that to you. He has blessed you with all spiritual blessings from His heavenly abode in Christ. The better we understand God's care for us, the more freedom we'll have in life and the more able we will be to bless others, extending God's spiritual matter's blessings into their lives.

(Eph 1:4-6) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: {5} Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, {6} To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

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Whenever you see “according to,” you know a standard will follow. God’s choosing of us in him before the foundation [overthrow of Lucifer] of the world is the standard whereby he has endowed upon us all wonderful and heavenly spiritual matters. You are fully equipped spiritually for anything that comes your way.

Long before Lucifer attempted to overthrow God’s throne, God already knew that we would believe in Him.

Then, He knew that we would be holy and without blame before Him in love. Because of this foreknowledge, He “predestinated” us unto sonship. The word “adoption” means “sonship.” “Predestinated” refers to the fact that God foresaw our belief in Him. He didn’t make us believe, but He did know that we would believe. God’s plan was built around people like you and me who would believe. That’s

what the standard of “according to the good pleasure of his will” refers to. His Will was made complete by our belief. All of this was to the praise of the glory of his grace. “Grace” means “favor.” We became God’s favorites long before we were born, and long before Lucifer attempted the overthrow. We were His favorite then; we are His favorite now. God’s grace is exemplified in His favor into and upon our lives and one of the greatest testaments of this is His heavenly spiritual matters endowment in Christ! We are accepted, we are blessed, and we are forever in God’s care. No matter how you shake this up, you’ll never find in it any bad, rather only good! This is a small insight into who we are in Christ according to God’s mighty promises.

Much love in Christ,

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