

2018 – Inhabiting Every Blessing

I. A Year for Blessings of Goodness

Ps 21:1 NKJ The king shall have **joy in Your strength**, O LORD;

And **in Your salvation** how greatly shall he **rejoice!**

2 You have given him **his heart's desire**,

And have not withheld the request of his lips. – Selah

3 For **You meet him** with the **blessings of goodness**;

You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

4 He asked **life** from You, *and* You gave *it* to him—

Length of days forever and ever.

6 For You have made him most blessed forever;

You have made him **exceedingly glad** with Your **presence**.

II. We Become What We Behold

A. Focus

1 John 3:1 NKJ **Behold** what **manner of love** the Father has **bestowed** on us, that **we** should be called **children of God!** Therefore **the world does not know us**, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, **now we** are children of God; and it **has not yet been revealed** what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed**, we shall be **like Him**, for we shall **see Him as He is**.

B. Response

3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure

III. We Don't Always See What is Real

A. Joseph's Brothers

Gen 42:8 And Joseph **recognized** his brothers, but they did not **recognize** him.

Joseph is like Christ, he's a type, a foreshadowing of the reality.

Christ knows us in every situation, but we don't always recognize it.

23 They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. **24** Then **he turned away from them and wept**. And he returned to them and spoke to them.

Before we existed in the world, we existed in his heart...

Ps 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
my days were written in your book

When we wept bitterly and saw him **only as a judge and a ruler**, he saw us as his **brethren**, and **his heart yearned for us infinite affection**.

The brothers were delivered and blessed by the brother they had thrown away! ***Culpa Felix!***

< Prayer for **Seeing Him in Disguise**>

B. Abraham - Stuck and Set Free

Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." **2** But **Abram said**, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" **3** And **Abram said**, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." **5** And he brought him outside and said, "**Look** toward heaven, and **number** the stars, **if you are able** to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

6 And **he believed** the LORD, and he counted it to him as **righteousness**.

When the reality inside us loses the limitations of our rational mind, then there are no limits to what God can do.

<Prayer for **Seeing Beyond our Capacities**>

Rom 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? “**Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.**” 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but **believes** in him who justifies the ungodly, his **faith is counted** as righteousness,

C. David’s Happiness

Rom 4:6 just as David also speaks of the (happy) **blessing** of the one to whom **God counts righteousness apart** from works:

7 “(Happy) **Blessed** are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; **(not visible)**

8 (happy) **blessed** is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” **(not counted)**

<Prayer for **Breaking off the Unbelieving Condemnation**>

D. Legacy of Faith

Heb 11:8 **By faith Abraham obeyed** when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And **he went out, not knowing** where he was going. 11 **By faith Sarah herself received power** to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she **considered him faithful** who had promised.

12 **Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven** and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

< Prayer for **Legacy** – the Reality inside of us INFINITELY greater than the world around us! >

III. Inhabiting and being Inhabited

[John 14:20](#) In that day you will **know** that I am in my Father, and you **in** me, and I **in** you.

Every one of us started life IN our mother. We were IN her and she was IN us! That's how we arrived!

Everything IN HIM is IN US. He inhabits us, we inhabit Him!

We may not recognize it! But He recognizes us!

EVERY BLESSING in Christ [Ephesians 1:3](#)

<Prayer to inhabit the Love the Father has lavished upon us - every BLESSING of GOODNESS>

[1 Cor 2:9 NIV](#) However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived **what God has prepared** for those who love him” —

*His love has **no limit**; His grace has **no measure**.
His pow'r has **no boundary** known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!*

Experience of JOY