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#### How to be Blessed by God

Most people who inhabit this earth are totally unaware that they are living cursed lives when they are not obeying the principles of God, as laid out in His Word. They are unaware that the wrath of God abides on them (John 3:36). People are also unaware that God cannot bless sinners. They don't know their sins are withholding good from them (Jer. 5:25).

God wants you to wash yourself by removing the evil from your life. He wants you to learn to do good by helping widows and orphans or people who are in need (ls. 1:16-20). He wants you to engage in righteousness and learn to do good works (Titus 3:8,14). He wants you to overcome evil by doing good daily for God in Christ's name (Rom. 12:21; Matt. 5:16; Col. 3:17). If you do this, you will be obedient to God and eat the best of the land. You will live a blessed life.

When you turn away from evil by doing good for God, His eyes are upon you to bless you and hear your prayers (1 Peter 3:11-12). If you are not doing good for God, you are by nature living for self. This selfish lifestyle is degenerating instead of regenerating.

Doing good for God daily is a regenerating process which teaches us godliness (Matt. 19:28). We are to discipline ourselves daily for the purpose of godliness (1 Tim. 4:7). This doctrine conforms us to godliness and is the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 6:3; Titus 1:1). It is

also the Will which allows God to hear our prayers spoken in faith (John 9:31; Mark 11:24).

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#### How to be Blessed by God

Overcome evil by doing good so you will abide forever is an ongoing theme throughout the Bible (Psalm 37:27). You repent and become a continual doer of God's word by doing good (1 John 3:18-19).

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Don't keep fooling yourself. God is not mocked. Whatever a person sows is going to return to him (Gal. 6:7). The one who does wrong, will receive the consequences of the wrong he has done (Heb. 2:2). God does not show favors. He is not partial (Col. 3:25). God shows loving kindness to thousands who love Him, who glorify Him by their good works daily and who keep His commandments (Matt. 5:16; Ex. 20:6).

Many profess His name, yet deny Him because they remain worthless for good works (Titus 1:16). They draw near to God with their mouths, giving lip service, but their hearts are far from Him. Their religious service is just an empty form which, is made up by man. Their ministers preach what they have been trained to preach (Jer. 5:30-31). Much of what ministers have been trained to preach is learned by memorization or rote (Mark 7:6-8).

The religious pharisees of Christ's day were producing millions of hearers of the word. The same is true today. People are deluding themselves, thinking they are Christians, when only the doers of the law are justified (James 1:22; Rom. 2:13).

These people will think they are offering God a service when they kill those who disagree with them, just like happened in the past (John 16:2). They are called dogs and swine (Phil. 3:2; Matt. 7:6). They preach on their own authority (Jer. 5:30-31; Jer. 23:16-40). They are the false circumcision because they remain unconverted. You are not to give what is holy to them. The day is coming when God is going to punish all those

who say they are Christian but who continue to live unconverted lives (Jer. 9:25; 23:16-17).

The earth is the inheritance of the righteous and those who are pleasing in God's sight (Jer. 27:5). Glory and honor belong to the people who do good for God's glory (Rom. 2:10). Pure, undefiled and true religion is to help orphans and widows when they are in need, to do good and keep oneself unstained from the world (James 1:27; Rom. 2:6-7).

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We are not to live by our own thoughts because they are not good (ls. 65:2; Jer. 10:23; 4:22). God's true message is like fire (Jer. 23:25-32). This message warns us to turn from our evil way and from the evil of our deeds, our sins (Jer. 25:5; 26:3, 13).

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Whatever you do will return unto you. God in heaven is our guarantee that this is true. So make all of your ways righteous before God because there are great rewards (Job 22:3; Prov. 13:21).□

#### The Fountain of Life

God's word speaks of a "fountain of life." It says that the fear of the Lord is a fountain of life (Prov. 14:27). Fear of the Lord means reverence toward God—reverential awe. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do His commandments have a good understanding (Psalm 111:10). The fear of the Lord is also the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction (Prov. 1:7).

Keeping God's commandments is keeping God's Ways, and this is done by practicing righteousness and charity (justice) towards others each and every day. When we practice righteousness and charity towards others, our sins are forgiven (they are no longer remembered by God), which makes it possible for God to bless us with a long life, as well as prosperity (Ezek. 33:15-16).

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Obedience to God, then, is the fountain of life. God considers us righteous when we practice righteousness and charity towards others daily (1 John 3:7). If we won't practice righteousness for God daily, we remain under the wrath of God, and are sons or daughters of the devil, according to God's word (1 John 3:10; John 3:36). This is when we have forsaken the fountain of living waters (Jer. 2:13; 17:13).

When you sin, you are responsible for the good God withholds from you. When you practice righteousness for God daily, He forgives your sins, begins to open the windows of heaven and pours blessings on you (Jer. 5:25; Mal. 3:10). God wants you to turn off the curse on your income by honoring Him with the first of your income. When you get paid, first, put some money aside for God—perhaps in a "God's money jar" which you can put on your dresser (Prov. 3:9-10). That's putting God first. Use God's money to support His work and also do good for Him by helping and serving others. God wants you to restrain yourself from every evil way by living for Him daily (Psalm 119:100-101).

# Good health, long life, a prosperous life and good days come from obedience to God and His Ways.

Today, people seeking man's wisdom, take every kind of vitamin, workout for hours and try remedies of every sort to try and lengthen their lives. Our days on earth are determined by our Maker (Job 14:5). Scripture tells us that physical training is only of little profit, whereas spiritual training is of value in everything and every way (1 Tim. 4:6-8 NASB/AMP). What most people don't realize is, good health, a long prosperous life and good days, truly come from obedience to God and His Ways. His Ways, which are His commandments, are the fountain of youth, the fountain of the good life and the fountain of eternal life (1 Tim. 4:8; Matt. 10:28; Job 14:5 AMP; 2 Kings 20:1-7).

Psalm 34:14; 37:3-5 and 27 show us how to depart from evil by doing good. This was what the Prophet Daniel advised King Nebuchadnezzar to do. Daniel said, "Break away from your sins by practicing righteousness for God" (Dan. 4:27). This was also the message of the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 3:10-11. Also, the Apostle Paul said, "Do not be overcome by evil,

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but overcome evil by doing good" (Rom. 12:21). Jesus said we are to overcome evil by keeping His works or Ways and endure to the end keeping them (Rev. 2:26). Jesus' words are the directions to eternal life (John 12:50). They are the words that Jesus spoke, which tell us how we should live daily to please the Father. God wants every good thing for you. He wants you to want the same for yourself.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. What is being said here spiritually? Giving is receiving according to the laws of God, which cannot be broken. If you give a little, then according to God's law, you will receive a little. If, on the other hand, you give generously or learn to do so for God, then God's laws say you will be rewarded generously (2 Cor. 9:6-10). If you want to receive, then you must be willing to give. However, the greatest spiritual blessing is the joy you receive from giving with a willing heart. This is God's love!

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Remove the curse from your income by being a consistent giver. Support the work that God is doing on this earth in the last days. This truth must go forth, or God will smite this earth with a terrible curse, says Malachi 4:6. We are all in this together and we all have been called for one purpose—to gather for the Lord (Luke 11:23). The fields are ripe for harvest. We must pray that God will send more workers into that harvest (Matt. 9:37).

God wants you to be just as concerned for others as He was, when He called you into His truth. Being wholly devoted to God in giving, sharing, serving and helping others is living His holy Way of life, and it is the overall purpose of

this life. It's living like Christ lived, and it's also how He instructs us to live. This is how you work the work of God in your life. Believe Jesus Christ and do what He told you to do (Luke 6:46; John 6:28-29; 8:51).

Can you begin to understand that God is calling us for action? Acting on Jesus' words is repentance. Repentance is not only for the wrongs we have done in the past, but rather, for turning from our old ways to live the right Ways of the Lord. The Lord can only bless you if you act upon His words daily by serving others. To know what Jesus wants you to do, and then not do it, results in a terrible curse (Matt. 25:40-41).

Jesus is the fountain of living waters. He is the fountain of life springing up to eternal life and every good thing (John 4:10-14; Jer. 17:13). God's word, then, is the fountain of living waters (Eph. 5:26).

**The mystery revealed:** If you will come to Jesus Christ, the fountain of living waters, and obey His words, the fountain of living waters, He will give you, without cost, the water of life (Rev. 22:17).

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You must be born again by the waters of God's word (John 3:3, 5). This is done by practicing righteousness daily for God (1 John 2:29). Be a doer of God's word: give, study, pray, fast and serve others for the Lord and you will be given the fountain of life! There is nothing better than to enjoy life and do good in one's lifetime (Eccl. 3:12)! □

#### A Gospel That Works

Jesus Christ came preaching a gospel of prosperity (Acts 3:26). This gospel was called the *good news*, because that's exactly what it was.

Jesus Himself said, "I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus said in Luke 6:38, that His followers' lives would be running over with blessings. God's word says if you live to please Him, you will have no more needs. You will be blessed to such an extent that you won't have room enough to receive all the blessings (Mal. 3:10 King James Version).

Jesus Christ said if you seek to enter His kingdom first, by practicing His righteousness in your life and keeping His deeds or sayings daily, all your needs and wants will be taken care of (Matt. 6:33; Rev. 2:26; John 8:51; 14:12). Yes, Jesus Christ's gospel does work, but man's gospel or man-made doctrines do not. Why? Because many preachers have made the straight Ways of the Lord crooked; therefore, man's gospel is incomplete, as it leaves out the message of righteousness (Acts 13:10; Mark 1:3). Many gospels that are preached today then, are not the Lord's gospel, but man's.

What is that message of righteousness that man's gospel—the crooked gospel—is leaving out? It is the true message of repentance, which is an ongoing Way of life of righteousness (Matt. 3:2; 21:32).

It is the Way Jesus told us to live daily in order to be pleasing to the Father in heaven. Jesus came to tell us the Father's words and reveal the Father's Ways to us so that we could put them into practice daily in our lives and live them (Jer. 23:22).

Then, the simple message of righteousness is to keep God's Ways daily in our lives. That is what it means to walk with God (Gen. 5:22). We are to walk like God walks and talk like

God talks (1 Peter 4:11). Walking like God walks is imitating how God would live on this earth as He lives in heaven (Eph. 5:1; Matt. 6:10). How God walks then, is called God's Ways. When we perform God's Ways on this earth daily by being a servant to others and by being kind to others, we are doing God's Will on earth as it is being done by God in heaven. You know in your heart that this is the true gospel of the Bible.

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Jesus' words or sayings were God's words on how we are to live daily to be pleasing in His sight. Only if you keep Jesus' sayings will you receive eternal life and never see death, says Jesus Christ, who does not lie (John 8:51; Heb. 6:18; Titus 1:2). Only if you *live* the life that Jesus lived and came to show us how to live, can you say you truly believe in Jesus Christ. Then, you will receive eternal life and never die, says Jesus who wouldn't lie. Do you believe this (John 11:25-26)?

Doing the Father's Will daily, which is performing the Father's Ways of righteousness daily towards others, is absolutely necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven and receive eternal life to live forever (Matt. 7:21; 1 John 2:17).

You cannot honestly say that you know Jesus, nor can you claim to be His brother, unless you do the Will of God daily in your life by serving others and live a life of doing good daily, like Jesus said you should (Mark 3:35; Acts 10:38). Dorcas is one of our examples of this Way of life (Acts 9:36).

You cannot be good unless you practice being good, and of course, you cannot be good without doing good. So then, you must cease from doing evil by learning to do good (Is.

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1:16-17; Titus 3:8, 14). You see, the Lord can only do good to those who are good and to those who maintain pure hearts before Him (Psalm 125:4).

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The very reason God does not hear the prayers of many, is because they are not showing God respect (fear) daily by doing His Will (John 9:31). Walking in His Ways, which are all righteous and kind, is His Will (Psalm 145:17). Keeping the commandments is continually doing things that are pleasing in God's sight. That's called living uprightly (1 John 3:22).

Most humans are being held captive by Satan into doing his will, which is evil (2 Tim. 2:26). When you perform God's Will by practicing righteousness for others daily, you are pleasing to the Lord. This is how you overcome Satan and sin in your life. This is how you repent and put to death the deeds of the body by living to the Spirit, which is God (Rom. 8:12-14). This is also how you walk in the Spirit (keep God's Ways and do God's Will by serving others) so you will not carry out the evil deeds of the flesh (Gal. 5:13-16).

If you want to live forever, you must overcome your evil nature by continually doing good for God—think only good thoughts, do only good deeds and say only good things with your mouth (Psalm 37:27). You overcome Satan and sin in your life by performing the deeds or works Jesus told us to do (Rev. 2:26; John 14:12). This is how you resist Satan's temptations daily in your life.

Practicing righteousness towards others continually has been a hallmark of God's truth

from the beginning of time. It is the directions for how to love your neighbor as you would yourself and thus, show your love for God by doing so (Matt. 22:36-40). Practicing this message of overcoming evil assures a person that he will not be hurt in the second death (Rev. 2:11). It assures that he will eat from the tree of life (eternal life) which is in the Paradise of God (Rev. 2:7).

Living this simple, easy and righteous Way of life daily assures you that your name will not be erased from God's awesome book of life (Rev. 3:5; 20:12; 14:13). Repentance requires doing good works or deeds daily in our lives (Rev. 2:5). The fruit we are to bear for Jesus is good works (Col. 1:10). Without a life of good works—good fruit on our trees (godly character)—we will be thrown into the lake of fire because our faith is dead (Matt. 7:19; 3:10).

Why wouldn't someone with an honest and good heart want to live this holy, pleasant and easy Way of life (Matt. 11:30)? It's the directions on how to receive answered prayer and how to have a life filled to the brim with blessings and every good thing (Luke 8:15; 1 John 3:22).

Here is a word of caution for some to consider: After God has blessed you, and some of you have become rich and in need of nothing, do not become spiritually lazy—become lukewarm or slow down in your life of doing good for God—or the Lord will have to test you severely (Rev. 3:15-22).

No wonder so many preach against God's true message of prosperity. Their gospel simply doesn't work, because it leaves out the need to do good works for God for repentance (Eph. 6:8). However, this gospel does work. Try it, and you will never be the same again. You will be a full-time servant of God. □

#### Letter From the Editor

Dear Whole Wheat Readers,

"Boy, you sure have a good gig working here!" This is what a fellow worker said to me after walking around the estate I work on, admiring the surrounding mountains, hearing the lapping of the water on the lake and the birds singing in the trees. I had to think for a moment and said, "Yes, I do!" It made me realize how grateful I am to God, for how He has provided for me over the years, as I have persevered in living for Him.

The last thirty-five years, I have truly come to know *How to be Blessed by God* and found that the directions in this article are, in fact, the truth. I wish more people could experience living the blessed life. If only they would try it, for even one day, they would discover as I have, that this is truly *The Fountain of Life*, as this article explains. I will never forget that first day I put my hand to the plow. At the end of that day I was so full of happiness and joy. I finally found the *great pearl*, that the parable speaks of, for which I had searched for so long (Matt 13:45,46). The world needs to know this message (Matt 24:14)!

The modern society we live in today has the highest rates of mental illness including; suicide, depression, anxiety and loneliness, more than ever recorded in human history. Many are striving after wealth, thinking that will solve their problems but studies show that as their wealth increases, so does suicide and unhappiness. Man is never satisfied. This country, and the world, are truly in a state of crisis and man does not have the answers (Prov. 14:12).

There is an answer, however, and that answer is turning to God and following His directions

for life. That is what this issue of *Whole Wheat* is all about. It gives hope in a hopeless world, as one crying out in the wilderness (John 1:23). It is truly *A Gospel That Works* and how to live a blessed life, rather than a cursed life as you will read in this article (Gen. 4:7). It is *The Eternal Gospel* that God told man to live by thousands of years ago and is still just as relevant today as you will read about in the article (Rev. 14:6). It is how to have Jesus Christ's Divine Nature formed in you and become a part of the solution in this world, rather than being a part of the problem (Gal 4:19).

I know there are some of you reading this and wondering what you can do? Many of the articles in this issue encourage you to support this work, by supporting Whole Wheat, then to go out and share it with others and be an example. God is looking for workers, yet, the workers are few (Matt 9:36-38). Won't you help us and others, by supporting this work and sharing this precious truth with someone? It couldn't be any easier, just send them a link, or a copy, of this issue of Whole Wheat all about how to be blessed! Who doesn't want to be blessed? So, make it a point to reach out to someone this week and change a life, as someone once did for you. In turn, it will change your life because you will be blessed by God for doing so! The world and creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God (Rom 8:19). Won't you help us and the Lord?

In His Love.

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#### The Eternal Gospel

There is an eternal gospel (Rev. 14:6). It is also called the everlasting covenant (Is. 24:5). It is a covenant that God commanded mankind to keep, at all times, and it is not replaced by a later

covenant (Psalm 106:3; Gal. 3:17). It will endure a thousand generations, which is approximately thirty to forty-thousand years (Deut. 7:9; 29:14-15; Psalm 105:8; 111:9; 1 Chron. 16:15).

The eternal gospel is also called the good news (Heb. 4:2). It was the message preached to Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and is

still preached today (Gen. 4:7; 18:19; Psalm 37:27). It tells how to spread good will on this earth for God and how to be saved from this wicked world. It is the message telling one how to do God's Will on this earth as it is continually done in heaven (Matt. 6:10). It is the true message of salvation, also called the kingdom of

God. It tells us how to receive blessings and answered prayer and how to be God's friends by doing God's Will (John 9:31; 10:10). It is the message that Dorcas had. She lived out that

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message by doing acts of kindness and charity continually for the glory of God (Acts 9:36-41). Her resurrection was to show us that those who do good works, of charity for God to others while on this earth, will be given eternal life and will live with the Lord (John 5:29).

Let's not delay in applying this eternal gospel to ourselves. Let's live a new life for the Lord today, and every day, by showing continual love to others in every way. This is the good life—a godly life of peace and good will on earth towards all men. It's the Way that Jesus lived while on this earth, and gave us an example to live.



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