

“The Call to Bless and Be Blessed” 5/5/19

1 Peter 3:8-12

Sermon Series- *“Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World”*

Big Idea-God seeks for us to live in harmony within our spiritual family and to bless each other from a pure heart so that God will pour out His blessings on and through us.

LESSON 1- Peter describes four things that will allow our lives to be BLESSED

- A. To be blessed we need to demonstrate the proper ATTITUDE V.8
- 1) The proper attitude begins with us being HARMONIOUS (in purpose)
 - 2) The proper attitude expects us to be empathetic/ UNDERSTANDING
 - 3) The proper attitude demonstrates BROTHERLY LOVE (John 13:35)
 - 4) The proper attitude is one that manifests TENDERHEARTEDNESS
 - 5) The proper attitude is saturated with HUMILITY
(Rom 12:3, 16; 1 Corinthians 6:7- be cheated before demanding rights)
- B. To be blessed we need to demonstrate the proper ACTIONS V.9
- 1) We are called to never RETALIATE (Matt 5:45-47; Rom 12:15-17)
 - 2) We are called to bless so that we may inherit a BLESSING
- C. To be blessed we need to have the proper AUTHORITY V.10-11
- 1) Peter shows that seeking a blessed life starts with the WORD
 - 2) We should use righteous words and pursue PEACE
- D. To be blessed we need to have the proper AWARENESS V.12
- 1) We need to be aware that God does hear the prayers of His PEOPLE
(1 John 5:14-15; 2 Corinthians 12:6-10; Isaiah 59:2)
 - 2) Be aware that those who practice evil and retaliation God is AGAINST
(NUMBERS 6:24-25)

Going *God desires for us to be blessed and to be blessing to each other and*
Deeper *the world around us*

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female— for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.