

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

March 20, 2016

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Bless The Lord

"Unbelief puts our circumstances between us and God," wrote F. B. Meyer, "but faith puts God between us and our circumstances." We live in an age where many people, including Christians, allow themselves to be paralyzed by their fears, restricted by their disappointments, and confined by their circumstances. We place too much confidence on finite human ingenuity and not enough on the infinite power, protection and providence of God. King David was a "man after God's own heart" for many reasons. But in reading the Psalms we learn of his trust in God regardless of the situation or circumstances. The sweet singer of Israel endured many hardships, disappointments and slights, but he always stayed focused on God. And he gave God the glory regardless of the problems he faced.

In one of the great Psalms when David was on the run because King Saul was trying to kill him, he expressed his confidence in God in spite of the threat of physical harm or personal discomfort.

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together." **Ps. 34:1-3**

The Bible constantly encourages us to glorify God regardless of the challenges that we face in life. Over 440 times the word "glory" of its various forms are used in the Bible. David said, "Let my mouth be filled with your praise and with your glory all the day." (Ps. 71:8) How can we do that? What kind of words can come out of my mouth that will glorify God? In this text David uses five words that glorify God. Over the next five posts, we want to consider these words. David said, "I will Bless the Lord at all times." What does this mean? When should we do it? And how can it be done? Bless means "to kneel, to be blessed, or to bless." It is a Semitic word used in reference or connection with Deity. It is used as a pronouncement of God's blessings on mankind. And it is used to show the blessing we become.

However, before we can sincerely bless the Lord, we must realize and acknowledge his blessings upon us. It is an attitude and approach to life for the Believer. David expressed it this way in **Psalms 103:21-22**. *"Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!"*

Like Job, we can "bless God" in both good times and in difficult situations as we deal with pain, problems and loss. In the midst of unexplained and unexpected adversity Job blessed God. Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: *"Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."* In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong. One of my favorite authors,

Anonymous, expressed it this way.

Lord Giveth – Bless God

Lord Taketh – Bless God

When I'm Up – Bless God

When I'm Down – Bless God

When I Have Money – Bless God

When I am Broke – Bless God

When I am Working – Bless God

When I am Laid Off – Bless God

When I am Feeling Well – Bless God

When I Have Aches and Pains – Bless God

When I am Understood – Bless God

When I am Misunderstood – Bless God

When I'm Calm – Bless God

When I'm Stressed – Bless God

Don't allow circumstances to come between you and God. In all situations, exercise your faith, hold on tight to your hope, and express your love by saying, "Bless the Lord."

-Ken Weliever, thepreachersword.com

We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 3-20-2016

How To Live A
WORRY FREE LIFE

Matthew 6:24-34

_____ Your _____

Trust In _____ and _____

Don't Do _____ That _____

_____ The _____ Over _____

_____ One _____ At A _____



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Sunday PM Notes 3-20-2016

Pharaoh's Hardened Heart

Daily Bible Reading
in Exodus

Some see this as a “_____” within the Bible.

_____ use this occasion to _____
_____.

God did not _____ to do _____.

He simply _____ him with a _____.

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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

5:00 PM Worship Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....116
Last Sunday PM Worship.....96
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....91

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Debra Richardson (Waddell's daughter)... was hospitalized with medical issues last week. Doctors believed it was related to some migraine medicine, but please continue prayers that she does not have any further issues.

-Melessa Sain & Baby Hagan...born March 3rd weighing 8 pounds and measuring 21 inches. Momma and baby are both doing well! Please continue to keep them in your prayers!

-Adam Womble...work associate of Tim Phillips who was involved in a serious car accident and suffering severe head trauma. Please pray for his recovery and 2 young daughters.

-Roy Lovell...diagnosed with cancer and has been undergoing radiation treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

*****Our expecting mothers: Spring McDonald & Katie Angel.*****

-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)... still struggling with his health.

-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...young man struggling with his health.

-Barbara Leonard...shut in and struggling with her health.

-Christian Shadburn...20 yr. old Christian battling cancer.

-Robin Hill..... battling cancer.

-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...Battling Melanoma.

-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)... Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's mother)... Battling leukemia..

-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.

-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.

*****If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.*****

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Song Practice - TBD** at the Angel's home after evening service. **First few minutes will focus on learning new songs, and then we will spend the rest of our time singing some of our favorite songs. Everyone is welcome!**

✓**Men's Bible Class - April 2nd** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 4 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - April 5th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 5 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - March 27th** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lesson 3 of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

Area Gospel Meetings & Events

●**Ladies Retreat...**March 25,26 at Natchez Trace in Wildersville, TN. See back board for more details.

●**Gospel Meeting with Harold Carswell, Jr at the Northside Church of Christ in Jonesboro, AR...**April 17-22. Weeknights at 7pm.

Daily Bible Reading For This Week: Exodus 39-Leviticus 5

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**