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Newsletter**

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***Search the
Scriptures Daily
Acts 17:11***

Sunday Morning Bible Class:
9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30

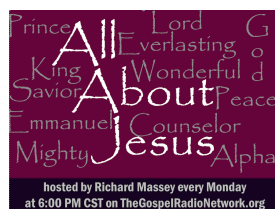
Sunday PM Worship:
6:00

Wednesday PM Bible Class:
7:00

4th Wednesday PM-Singing
7:00



***Bring your Bibles
to Bible class.***



Listen to "All About
Jesus" on
TheGospelRadioNet
work.org each
Monday at 5:30 pm.
And our Sunday
morning sermon at
8:30 am Sunday.

Cursed or Blessed

When God blesses someone, it suggests His approval of that one. When He curses one, it suggests His disapproval. He is the only One who can make final judgment of what will ultimately be the destiny of anyone. Curse when applied to man, is to "bring down a prayer" upon one and to "judge" him, while only God can be the final judge (Jas. 4:11-12).

Our ability to make final judgment is lacking in not having all the evidence or authority to make final judgment. When God curses, He does not have to use strong, corrupt, or ugly language as men often do when they pronounce judgment on another. God just announces that one or something is wrong in His sight and doomed for destruction. He does not have to bring down a prayer which is suggested when man curses.

Man's cursing is mostly the vain asking of God to condemn someone on man's limited knowledge, and usually without any intent of asking God to send another to hell but is a habitual use of strong condemnatory words to another, oftentimes in a time of anger or bitterness. This ought not to be done (Jas. 3:9-10; Eph. 4:29). Curse and bless (in their varied forms) are often found in the same verse or context of Scripture in the Bible.

Some examples are: Genesis 12:3, 9:25-26, Matthew 5:44, and Romans 12:14. A very interesting contrast is found in Jeremiah 17:5-10, as the prophet speaks for God. Jeremiah states, "Cursed is the man" and "Blessed is the man." These statements do not describe the same man, but different men, when we compare what is said about both men. The cursed man is one who trusts in man.

He is like a warrior or soldier who depends on his own wisdom and strength, or the efforts of other men to win the battle or to accomplish any endeavor. He "makes flesh his strength" (Jer. 17:5). This is because his "heart departs from the Lord" (Jer. 17:5). Then Jeremiah says he is "like a shrub in the desert" (Jer. 17:6). He will not have "good" results (Jer. 17:6). He will be like a wanderer or vagabond as he "inhabits" desolate places (Jer. 17:6).

We sing the song "Stand up for Jesus," which has the words "The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye dare not trust your own." The blessed man is one who trusts in the Lord. This is true for various reasons. It begins because he knows the Lord and has "hope" in Him (Jer. 17:7). He has a good foundation and purpose, as he is like a tree (rather than a shrub), planted in a good location, "by the waters" which can sustain him (Jer. 17:8). The "tree" spreads out its roots to the river, and he is ready for the "heat" or "drought" that may come (Jer. 17:8). The continued results will be good, as the tree's "leaf will be green," full of life and energy. He will never cease from bearing "fruit" (Jer. 17:8).

This is a good time to look at the same kind of comparison David makes of the blessed man and the ungodly man of Psalm 1:1-6. The cursed man's "heart" had departed from the Lord. The blessed man trusted in the Lord, because his heart was right. Jeremiah goes on to write about the heart of man. He says it is "deceitful above all things," and is "desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9), and no one can really "know it" (Jer. 17:9). However, God searches the heart and tests the mind, and blesses man according to His ways and the "fruit of his [man's] doings" (Jer. 17:10). If God's "ways" are followed by man's "doings," one will be blessed. The "doings" of man will not bring God's approval. With this comparison in mind, let us look at the cursed and the blessed of our day.

The blessed man is one who does not trust in men, but in God. Man does not have within himself the ability to direct his steps in a way to please God (Jer. 10:23). Man cannot please God in his own wisdom, but glories in the fact that he understands and knows God, which brings "delight" to the Lord (Jer. 9:23-24). Solomon wrote, "Be not wise in
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NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors: If you are visiting, please know that you are an honored guest. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the collection plate or give it to one of our members so that we can have a record of your visit.

Remember in Prayer:

Remember In Prayer: **Brenda Blair, Jennifer Hardeman, Cathy Massey, Edith Proffitt, Samuel Gilbert, Tilmon Bonner** (all the shut-ins)

Friends and family: **Brady Adair, Mark Balke, Tylene Berman, Christi Craig, Reta George, Forest Hanson, Francis McCluskey** (heart), **Kenneth & Mary McConnathy, Janiece Melcher, Rosco Davis** (from Morgan Mill), **Debra Bowser, Terry Jackson, Michael Klembus, Stephanie & Anthony Jr.** (children of Anthony & Becky; that they can become faithful Christians), **Sharon Petrosky, Hannah Smithey, Lela Spikes** (3 y/o receiving chemo), **Savanah Stockstill** (pregnancy complications), **Rae Lynne Swopes, Dalton Valores** & daughter **Brinlee, Robert Wallis, Darius Warren, Vicky White, Catherine Willbanks, Donna Nevel, All the lost in this world** (If you know of anyone who needs to be on the prayer list, please let us know.)

Mission work: **Banard Kagaga** (Kenya), **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart, Correspondence Courses, World Video Bible School. Expedition Through The Bible** (radio program), **Josh White, TheGospelRadioNetwork.org**

(Cont. from front) your own eyes, Fear the Lord and depart from evil” (Prov. 3:7). Also, “He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed” (Prov. 13:20). Man’s wisdom today will not bring one into the favor of God to enjoy salvation. It is the wisdom of man that advocates salvation by “faith only,” apart from and without repentance and baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Faith itself is the “work of God” because it is commanded of God (John 6:28-30). Baptism is also the “working of God” for He commands it (Col. 2:12). Neither does the “sinner’s prayer,” as advocated by so many in our time, bring salvation. God’s wisdom and power is in Christ and the Gospel (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:17-21; Mark 16:15-16). Paul said it is “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Tit. 3:5—KJV). Notice that Paul says we are not saved by our works of righteousness (cf. Rom. 10:3), “but” by “the washing,” which is in baptism (Acts 22:16), when sins are washed away in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 1:5; 22:14—ASV). Are you “cursed” or “blessed”? Christ became a curse for us that He might bless us with salvation (Gal. 3:13). He depends on those who are still under the curse of condemnation to “trust in the Lord,” and put their “hope” in Him (Jer. 17:7).

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Wednesday Night Devo
September
2 Mitchell Kingston
9 Zach Looper
16 Mickey Hukill
23 Marvin Blair