

*"**Blessed Is The Man** that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of the LORD; and in His Law doth he meditate day and night." Psalms 1:1-2no2 KJV*

God's Commandments Are His Blessings! In Eden God called His Commands Blessings. "God Blessed [Adam and Eve], and God Said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply.'" Provision and Protection line the path of obedience. "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He Shall Give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He Shall Bring it to pass." To be safe and satisfied is the inner desire of most everyone, yet many abhor the Path that guarantees both. We consider possessions God's Blessings, but not so! God has Promised, *Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS and ALL these THINGS shall be added unto you.*" Is not the Word of God the



Righteousness of God? True or not? Our problem is we want everything right now! If you can't be content with what you have, you'll not be content with more. Stewardship is what gives us gain. If your child doesn't take care of what you give him, would you give him more? The Blessed man is Blessed, because "his delight is in the Law of the LORD." He "walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners." Each step of obedience is transformed into a new treasure or comfort! "And we know that ALL things (even the evil) work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His Purpose." Counsel that denies God's Written Truth is ungodly! A good person may give ungodly counsel. A well-meaning believer may give ungodly counsel. A dear friend may give ungodly counsel. It doesn't say, "In the multitude of counsellors there is Wisdom." It says; "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Get opinions and advice from many, because you are less likely to be manipulated by many, but measure their words by the Standard of absolute Truth – the Written Word of God. Even the mechanic has to follow the repair manual to fix your car. Let God's Word determine each action and walk a Protected Path of Provision. Many, who claim to believe God's Word as absolute Truth, seem to pick and choose which Truth to believe and obey. Be a friend of the world and you'll be God's enemy! Laugh at the off-color jokes, enjoy worldly entertainment, tip your glass with unbelievers, follow the philosophies of the ungodly, and you'll be no friend of God! "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." God's promises belong to the obedient! If you have no desire to obey God, then you are none of His! "Many will say on that DAY, 'Lord, Lord,' but [He] will reply, 'Depart from me! I never knew you!'" An old chorus says:

Ev'ry Promise in the Book is mine;
Ev'ry chapter, ev'ry verse, ev'ry line,
All the Blessings of His Love Divine,
Ev'ry Promise in the Book is mine!

Every believer can say this with unshakeable confidence, because "It is God Which Worketh in you, both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure. He Which Hath Begun A Good Work in you Will Perform It until the Day of Jesus Christ!" If we truly have need of something, we are to "come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to Help in time of need." Why would God say, "Come," if He did not Intend to Help? "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." We want the Provision, but walk the path of disobedience. If you want to get to Pittsburg, you have to get on the road to Pittsburg. All roads do not go there. If you want God's Protection and Provision, you have to walk the Path that goes there; cheerful obedience to Truth.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He Shall Direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV