

Launching Text: Psalms 34:14 Depart from evil and do good: seek peace and pursue it.

Preaching Text: Psalms 73:1 Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

Intro: In this series we have looked at Living Long and Finishing Strong By Letting it be to us according to His Word. The second message was on the Greatness Of God and this message is on Living Long And Finishing Strong Because Of The Goodness Of God.

1. BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS, WE HAVE PRIVILEGES

1. The Privilege Of Freedom

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages (or payday) of sin is death (separation from God and eventually physical death and eternity in hell if a relationship is not established through Christ), but the gift of God is eternal life.

John 8:36 If the Son (Christ Jesus) therefore shall make you free, you shall be free (from sin) indeed.

2. The Privilege Of Family *(The privilege to be adopted into the family of God)*

John 1:11-12 He (Jesus Christ) came unto His own (the Jews), and His own received him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:

Romans 8:14-16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

3. The Privilege of Furnishings

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want (for anything).

2-Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (because you give to the ministry of God).

2. BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS, WE HAVE PROBLEMS (The devil always want to attack you & God's blessings)

1. The Problem of Satan

1-Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

John 10:10 The thief (Satan) comes not but to steal, to kill, and to destroy.....

2. The Problem With Sin

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death is passed upon all men, for all have sinned.

3. The Problem With Self

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

4. The Problem And Solution

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved (out of everything and from everything that is against them).

John 6:37b.....and to him that comes to Me (Jesus says) I will in no wise cast out.

3. BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS, WE'RE GIVEN PRINCIPLES *(3 major principles for us to learn in life from God)*

Matthew 7:21 (Jesus said) Not every one that says unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does (or obeys) the will of my Father which is in heaven.

1. Do The Will Of God By Facts (or revelation) From God *(you can not obey what you don't know—Spirit reveals)*

Psalms 119:105 Thy Word(written or prophesied) is a lamp unto my feet and a light (revelation) unto my path.

2-Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Why? To control our moods, mind, mouth, motives, and methods!

2. Do The Will Of God By Fondness (or love) For God & Everyone Else

Mark 12:30-31 And thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

3. Do The Will Of God By Faith In, Through, & By God

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering (Peter concerning his amazement that a fig tree Jesus had cursed the day before commanding it to die and it did, then commanded Peter, the disciples, and all of us) said, Have faith in God.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

2-Corinthians 5:7 For we (the believers) walk by faith and not by sight.

4. BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS, WE HAVE PROMISES

1. The Promise Of Solutions To All Of Our Problems

Matthew 19:26with God all things are possible.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him (the man with the lunatic son and to us), If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believes.

Romans 8:31 What shall we say to these things (that come against in life); if God be for us who (or what) can be against us.

2. The Promise Of Spirit Baptism To Handle Our Problems (prophesy, dream dreams, see visions)

Matthew 3:11 (John The Baptist said) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Acts 2:17-18 And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

5. BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS, WE CAN HAVE POWER**1. There Is A Power To Be Relished**

Psalms 63:1-2 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsts for thee, my flesh longs for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

2. There Is A Power To Be Received

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:.....

1. Receive By Craving John 7:37 ...Jesus stood and cried saying, if any thirst....

2. Receive By Coming John 7:37....let him come to Me (Jesus).....

3. Receive If Cleansed John 7:37....and drink (meaning to become one with -----Christ in us & us in Him)

4. Receive By Claiming John 7:38-39 He that believes on Me as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive.....

3. There Is A Power To Be Released

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Mark 3:27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

6. BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS, WE ARE TO TAKE OUR POSITIONS & PROPHECY

Revelation 1:6 And (Christ) has made us kings (to rule by God's Word becoming our words) and priests unto God and his Father (serving with the power He has given us); to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1. Take Our Positions And Prophecy In Steadfastness

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession (prophecy) of our faith without wavering; for he (God) is faithful that promised;

2. Take Our Positions And Prophecy To Satan

1-John 4:4 teaches us that greater is the Lord that is in us than the devil that is in the world.

Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

3. Take Our Positions And Prophecy To Self

Luke 9:23 Jesus said to them all, if any come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

1-Samuel 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons & for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

4. Take Our Positions And Prophecy To Situations

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain (that stands in the way of victory), Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.

5. Take Our Positions And Prophecy And Serve

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Psalms 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

7. BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS, THERE IS A PLAN vision victuals, victory

Ps 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Rom 8:37 Nay in all these things (the things that come against us) we are more than conquerors (we are champions) through Him (Jesus) that loved us.

We Have God's Plan—We are to be faithful And Obedient And The Victory Is Ours

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering for He is faithful that promised.

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Rev 2:10be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

Isa 1:18-19 If ye be willing & obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land, but if ye rebel and refuse, ye shall be devoured with the sword for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

1-Cor 15:57 But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2-Cor 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savor (or fragrance) of His knowledge by us in every place.

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