

**Launching Text:** 1-Thes 5:18 In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.  
Ps 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him & bless His name.

2-Cor 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place.

Ps 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah

**Preaching Text:** Ps 103:1-8 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; <sup>4</sup> Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; <sup>5</sup> Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup> The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

**Intro:** In this series of messages we have looked at *Something God Wants Us To Know, Believe, Be, Keep, Give, Show, and in this message Something God Wants Us To Have*. We have much to be thankful for. God wants us, as believers, to have His benefits.

#### **GOD WANTS THE BELIEVER TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF:**

##### **1. SINS FORGIVEN** V3 Who forgives all thine iniquities

**1. Condition** 1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory

**2. Certainty** 1 John 1:9 He is faithful and just

1-Thes 5:24 Faithful is He that calleth you who will also do it.

**3. Consequence** 1-John 1:9 to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever calleth on the name of the Lord shall be saved. *(The penalty of hell cancelled)*

##### **2. SICKNESSES HEALED** V3 Who heals all thy diseases

**1. Condition** Sickness comes because of satan & sin

John 10:10 The thief cometh not but to ...steal

Ps 107:17-18 Fools because of their transgression and because of their iniquities are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat and they draw near unto the gates of death.

**2. Certainty**

Ps 107:20 He sent His word and healed them.....

Mat 8:16-17 When the even was come, they brought unto him (Jesus) many that were possessed with devils and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.

**3. Consequence**

Isa 53:5 He was wounded for our transgression, bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed.

##### **3. SALVATION FROM DESTRUCTION**

V4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction

**1. Condition**

John 10:10 The thief cometh not but to steal, kill and destroy

**2. Certainty**

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

**3. Consequence**

Ps 91:14-14 Because He has set his love upon me.....He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

##### **4. SATURATION WITH LOVING KINDNESS AND TENDER MERCIES**

V3 who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies

**1. Condition**

John 14:15 If you love me, keep my commandments

**2. Certainty**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**3. Consequence**

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth (or showed) His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

##### **5. SATISFACTION** v5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things

**1. Condition**

Prov 12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

Ps 17:15 As for me, I will be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness.

**2. Certainty**

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

**2. Consequence**

Ps 84:11.....no good thing will He (God) withhold from them who walk uprightly.

**CONTINUATION OF: GOD WANTS THE BELIEVER TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF:****6. SPARED IN OPPRESSION**

V6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

**1. Condition**

2-Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**2. Certainty**

Rom 8:31 If God be for me, who can be against me.

**3. Consequence**

1-Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such is common to man: but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make a way of escape that you may be able to bear it.

**7. STARK REVELATION & KNOWLEDGE**

V7 He made known His way unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel/

**1. Condition**

Prov 1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

**2. Certainty**

John 8:26 (Jesus said) I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him (my Father).

**3. Consequence**

Ps 112:3 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion and righteousness.

**8. SECURED FAVOR**

V8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

**1. Condition**

1-Peter 5:5 .....for God resisteth the proud but giveth grace (or favor) to the humble.

**2. Certainty**

Ps 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious (bestowing favor), longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

**3. Consequence**

Ps 5:12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteousness: with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

**Because of God's Favor We Have God's:**

1. Presence Heb 13:5 ....I will never leave thee nor forsake thee

2. Power Luke 10:19 Behold I give you power to tread on the serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

3. Protection Prov 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare; but who putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe

4. Provision Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus

5. Peace Ps 29:11 .....the Lord will bless His people with peace.

6. Promises 2-Peter 1:3-4 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace (the favor, love, goodwill, mercy, clemency, & pardon) and truth came by Jesus Christ.

**1. God's Favor is a Sufficient Grace**

Paul was speaking in 2-Cor 12:7-9 how the messenger of Satan buffeted him, lest he be exalted above Measure and how he had sought the Lord 3 times for it to be removed but in

2-Cor 12:9 And God said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**2. God's Favor is an Abounding Grace**

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

**3. God's Favor is a Saving Grace**

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast.

**4. God's Favor is a Justifying Grace**

Rom 3:24-26 Being justified by His grace through redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

**5. God's Favor is a Teaching Grace**

Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared unto all men teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**6. God's Favor is an Obtainable Grace**

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need.