

“How Can A Person Be Blessed”

⇒ **Text:** **Acts 20:35**

⇒ **Intro:**

- o Often we hear someone say that they are blessed.
- o People have their definitions of what it means to be blessed.
 - Often based on material possessions.
- o The world has their definition of what it means to be blessed and so doesn't God.
 - I don't know about you but I could care less what the world thinks.
 - I am more interested in knowing what God thinks about a matter.
 - We can know what God thinks about a thing by going to His inspired, inerrant, infallible, preserved words, the AV1611, King James Bible.
 - That is exactly what we want to do this morning.
 - We want to find from the Word of God what it means to be blessed and just how one is blessed.
- o **Definition:** Made happy or prosperous; extolled; pronounced happy.
 - Happy; prosperous in worldly affairs; enjoying spiritual happiness and the favor of God; enjoying heavenly felicity.

⇒ **I. How To Be Blessed As A Nation**

- **Treat kindly the seed of Abraham (Israel) - Genesis 12:3**
- **Make the Lord your God - Psalm 33:12 –**
 - You don't do that by kicking Him out of our schools
 - You don't do that by allowing murder of innocent babies.
 - You don't do that by allowing those who commit first degree murder to live.
 - You don't do that by not allowing the gospel to be preach in public places.
 - You don't do that by allowing the homosexual lifestyle to be lifted up and the traditional family to be look down upon.
 - You don't do that be allowing divorce to be so easily obtainable.
- **Government That Just and Fair – Psalm 106:3**

⇒ **II. How To Be Blessed As An Individual**

- **Trusting in the Lord –**
 - **Psalm 2:12** - “Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”
 - **Psalm 34:8** – “blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”
 - **Psalm 40:4** – “Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust,”
 - **Psalm 84:12** – “blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.”
- **Avoiding Ungodly Associations - Psalm 1:1**
- **Going to Church – Psalm 84:4**
 - You miss a blessing every time you are not in church.

- **By Making the Lord Your Strength – Psalm 84:5**
- **Fear the Lord**
 - **Psalm 112:1** – “Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD”
 - **Psalm 128:1** – “Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD;”
 - **Psalm 128:4** – “Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.”
- **Obedient to God’s Word and His Ways**
 - **Psalm 119:2** – “Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,”
 - **Psalm 128:1** – “Blessed is every one...; that walketh in his ways.”
 - **Proverbs 8:32** – “blessed are they that keep my ways.”
- **Listen To God**
 - **Proverbs 8:34** – “Blessed is the man that heareth me”
- **Giving & Taking Care of the Poor**
 - **Acts 20:35**
 - **Psalm 41:1-2**
 - **Proverbs 22:9**
- **Witness to Others About Christ**
 - **Isaiah 32:20**
 - Sow – the Word of God
 - All waters – people
- **Endure Temptation**
 - **James 1:12**

⇒ **Parents – How To Bless Your Children**

○ **By Setting the Right Example**

- **Proverbs 20:7**

⇒ **III. How Do You Know You Are Blessed?**

○ **Lord corrects or chastens You**

- **Psalm 94:12** – “Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest,”
- **Job 5:17** – “Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:”

○ **Your Sins Are Forgiven**

- **Psalm 32:1** – “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.”
- **See 1 John 1:7,9 & 1 John 2:1-2.**
- **Romans 4:6-8**
- We are blessed Christ shed his precious sinless blood and died to pay for our sins.
 - He sinless blood covers our sin.
 - When Mary saw the risen Lord He was on his way to third heaven to sprinkle his blood on the mercy seat in the holies of holy in that heavenly tabernacle that was not made by hands.
 - Our sins are forgiven not because of our good works but by receiving the blood atonement of Christ by faith.