

## “God Clothes The Grasses And Believers Too”

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Peter reminds us that as Believers we are peculiar people, a people belonging to God, a chosen people. <sup>(1 Peter 2:9)</sup> As such, we Believers are to do some things that just do not make sense to those who are not Believers in Jesus the Christ. For example:



Notes:

We do not have to look very far to find people who are worrying about how they are going to keep food on their table, or get school clothes for their children. Worry and fear are rampant in today's society.

Thank God that we Believers are his Chosen People and God provides for his people. His word promises that as we seek first his kingdom our needs will be cared for. So let us keep our focus on obediently building God's kingdom and we will find that what most people would call problems and other things that need to be worried about, will be taken care of miraculously by our Heavenly Father.

God is not a man that he should lie <sup>(Numbers 23:19)</sup> and he keeps his promises. So rejoice and DON'T worry!

25"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ... Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

<sup>28</sup>"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?<sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ...

<sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:25, 27-31, 33 (NIV) (Emphasis added.)

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# Sojourning

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## “The Joy Of The Lord!”

(Teaching Sketch)

Psalm 84

 It all started in the Garden of Eden long ago when God made mankind.



knew what I must deal with every day and the people in my family, neighborhood, or work.”

Notes:  
[a]

God starts blessing man again in Genesis 14:

<sup>18</sup>And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

<sup>19</sup>And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

<sup>20</sup>And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. <sup>Gen. 14:18-20 KJV</sup>

Have you ever wondered about when God started telling in his word about blessing people. Well, you see, in the Garden of Eden there was only blessing on mankind. The blessing of mankind is God's desire and will for all mankind! You say, “I don't feel very blessed. If you only

Your right, I may not know each and every challenge you face each day but God does!

### Happiness

These things, about which many complain, are events or happenings in any given day. When feelings rule our lives they are attached to happenings. Happenings and our interpretation of them are thereby feelings translated into happiness or the lack of happiness. It is this view which often destroys faith. I often hear people ask me, “How can I increase my faith?” My answer is: “Understand The Blessing!”

### Joy

Before we look at The Blessing let's look at joy. Now, joy is not dependent on happenings or feelings. Actually, feelings are tied to joy. If I am a joyful person, I am joy-filled. If I am joy-filled then my interpretation of events

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture:

### Psalm 84<sup>(NIV)</sup>

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD Almighty!

<sup>2</sup> My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found  
a home,  
and the swallow a nest for  
herself,  
where she may have her  
young—  
a place near your altar,  
O LORD Almighty, my King  
and my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Blessed** are those who dwell  
in your house;  
they are ever praising you.  
Selah

<sup>5</sup> **Blessed** are those whose  
strength is in you,  
who have set their hearts on  
pilgrimage.

<sup>6</sup> As they pass through the  
Valley of Baca,  
they make it a place of  
springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it  
with pools (**blessings**). <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to  
strength,  
till each appears before God  
in Zion.

[a]  
Title:  
Probably a  
musical  
term

[b]  
Or  
*bless-  
ings*

[c]  
Or *sov-  
ereign*

Note:  
Empha-  
sis  
added.

<sup>8</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD  
God Almighty;  
listen to me, O God of Jacob.  
Selah

<sup>9</sup> Look upon our shield, <sup>[c]</sup> O  
God;  
look with favor on your  
anointed one.

<sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your  
courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a door-  
keeper in the house of my  
God  
than dwell in the tents of the  
wicked.

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun  
and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and  
honor;  
**no good thing does he with-  
hold**  
from those whose walk is  
blameless.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD Almighty,  
**blessed** is the man who trusts  
in you.



## “The Joy Of The Lord!” (Teaching Sketch)

Psalm 84

will not deprive me of my joy  
because I know events  
change, can be changed, or  
will change. A joyful person  
is a hope-filled person. Hope  
is much like a savings account  
you either possess it, or you  
don't.

Many people have heard the  
words from the Book of Ne-  
hemiah. "... for the joy of the  
Lord is our strength." <sup>Neh. 8:10</sup>  
<sup>KJV</sup> This verse is especially  
used in connection with spiri-  
tual warfare and believe me,  
without the joy of the Lord a  
person is too weak for a spiri-  
tual battle. So why do people  
of faith seem to be so full of  
the joy of the Lord?

### Blessing

When a person understands  
The Blessing they cannot help  
but be joyful because they  
know "no weapon formed  
against them will prosper." <sup>Is:</sup>  
<sup>54:17 KJV</sup> Now that is blessed!

### The Kingdom Of Joy

God's Kingdom is the King-  
dom of Blessing and all who  
reside in it live in and under  
The Blessing! When I know  
my condition is one of being  
continually blessed then I am  
filled with the joy of the Lord.  
The joy of the Lord is of  
Christ, and is the same yester-  
day, today, and for ever!

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We  
look to the Holy Spirit of God  
to guide us corporately and  
individually.

Our service usually follows this  
general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what  
we have seen the Lord do  
in, through, and around us  
since we last met.
  - Testimonies are  
often a part of the  
conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or  
Knowledge** if they have  
been given during "Praise  
& Worship" (other times as  
the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those  
present & inter-  
cession.
- **The Blessing**

