

## “God Clothes The Grasses And Believers Too”

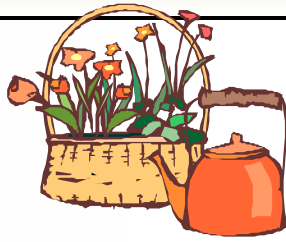
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Peter reminds us that as Believers we are peculiar people, a people belonging to God, a chosen people. <sup>(1 Peter 2:9)</sup>

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:

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? ... <sup>27</sup>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-



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31, 33 (NIV) (Emphasis added.)

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!

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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.

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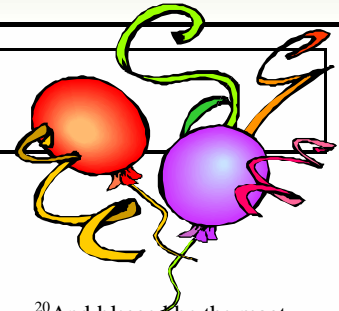
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God starts blessing man again in Genesis 14:

<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:

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<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.

### 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** ([Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.](#))
- **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 & intercession.
- **The Blessing**



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

## Scripture: Psalm 84 (KJV 1611)

Scripture taken from the KING JAMES VERSION of the Bible.

<sup>1</sup>How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! <sup>2</sup>My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. <sup>3</sup>Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. <sup>5</sup>Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of

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them. <sup>6</sup>Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

<sup>8</sup>O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. <sup>9</sup>Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. <sup>10</sup>For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. <sup>11</sup>For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. <sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

(Eph. 4:11-12 NIV)



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The blessing of mankind is God's desire and will for all mankind! You say, “I don't feel very blessed. If you only knew what I must deal with every day and the people in my family, neighborhood, or work.”

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 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 posses it, or you don't.

Many people have heard the words from the Book of Nehemiah. “... for the joy of the Lord is our strength.”<sup>Neh. 8:10 KJV</sup> This verse is especially used in connection with spiritual warfare and believe me, without the joy of the Lord a person is too weak for a spiritual 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: 54:17 KJV</sup> Now that is blessed!

**The Kingdom Of Joy**  
God's Kingdom is the Kingdom 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 yesterday, today, and for ever!**