



Sunday March 18, 2018
Receiving Redemption Blessings (Part-3)

Quick review

of past two Sundays (please see sermon notes of past two Sundays)

Last Sunday, we drew many lessons from the Old Testament type of redemption - God bringing Israel out of Egypt into their land of promise.

How to receive redemption blessings - as seen in this 'type' of God's dealings with Israel:

1. Get rid of unbelief - Have faith in God and His Word. Believe that you will have what God says you will have.
2. Get rid of disobedience - Move in to the Land of Promise to receive redemption blessings
3. Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us.
4. Consecrate yourself to the Lord (spirit, soul and body)
5. Fight to possess redemption blessings, but fight from a place of rest. You can conquer enemies greater than you. What are those enemies - sickness, failure, poverty, addictions, etc. etc. You can conquer them all. The work is already been completed!
6. Be an adult, a mature person. Know how to receive for yourself. Learn how to take possession of redemption blessings yourself.

Today:

Today, we will focus on one very important, possibly the most important key to receiving redemption blessings:

We will read several passages of Scripture. Lets begin with

Psalm 103:1-6

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

David speaking as a man under the Old Covenant describes "all His benefits".

He lists several blessings or benefits in these 6 verses.

He reminds himself not to forget the Lord's benefits or blessings.

How much more can we declare with such confidence that these are the blessings the Lord has for us, people under the New Covenant, which is a better covenant and based on better promises.

Let's read:

Ephesians 1:3 and Colossians 1:12



Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. Every blessing that God provides for His people has already been made available for us.

Colossians 1:12

giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

God has qualified us, or made us fit/worthy to enjoy our share of the inheritance (benefits, blessings) He has for His people.

So the question is how do we receive experientially and walk in these redemption blessings?

Lets read 3 incidents from the ministry of Jesus:

Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 9:20-22; Matthew 15:21-28

The Lord Jesus was ministering primarily to the people of Israel at that time. In Matthew 9, we see one woman who received by faith, what she needed - healing for her body.

The Roman Centurion (in Matthew 8) and the Cannanite woman (in Matthew 15) were people outside the covenant. Yet we see them receiving redemptive blessings that were provided under the covenant to Israel - by faith.

The key therefore is this - it is BY FAITH that we receive, possess and walk in our redemptive blessings!

How do we exercise our faith to receive our redemption blessings:

#1, Enter into a place of rest

resting in the knowledge that God has finished the work for your redemption. God has already provided for your forgiveness, healing, deliverance, wholeness, etc. These are God's benefits or blessings for you and the work has already been done.

This means you get rid of fear, worry, anxiety about that area of your life.

In the Roman Centurion we see an example of a person completely confident of the Word that Jesus would speak. He simply said 'speak the word and my servant will be healed'. He was in a place of rest - complete confidence - that the spoken word of Jesus will surely meet the need. How much more for us who have the Word of God given to us.

#2, Receive by faith based on Mark 11:22-24

You have faith in God

You speak your faith into your circumstances

You receive in prayer



The woman with the issue of blood is a great example of receiving by faith. She heard, she declared what she believed, she acted and then she received!

#3, Contend for it if the enemy is attempting to rob you of it

John 10:10 tells us that the enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus has come to give us life in abundance

1 John 5:4 says we overcome by faith

Use the weapons of our warfare and contend for what is yours.

Don't quit until you possess what God has already provided for you.

The Canaanite woman is a great example of pushing past all obstacles to get what she wanted by faith. No one could cause her to give up. She was tenacious. And she got what she wanted.

Ministry Time



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Psalm 103:1-6; Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 9:20-22; Matthew 15:21-28*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Discuss these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

#1, List out the benefits (or blessings) that David mentions in Psalm 103:1-6.

#2, Reflect and identify the key characteristics of the faith demonstrated by the Roman Centurions, the Woman with the issue of blood, and the Cannanite woman (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 9:20-22; Matthew 15:21-28) - in relation to them receiving the blessing they sought.

Pray for each other to be able to receive and enjoy redemption blessings.

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.



FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

Close by thanking God together.