

To Bless and Be Blessed

Psalm 134

Main Point:

Come to God's house to bless the LORD and be blessed by Him.

1. At God's house, you are to bless the LORD.

2. At God's house, you are blessed by the LORD.

3. Jesus Christ is the foundation of all this blessing.

4. Come to God's house to give and receive this blessing.

Deuteronomy 10:8 8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name ... (NKJV)

1 Peter 2:9 9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NKJV)

Alec Motyer "To bless the Lord ... is to call to mind the glorious things that he has revealed about himself, as well as the glorious things he has done, and to bring ourselves low, to kneel, in worship and adoration."

Rhett Dodson "Salvation is about taking wicked, sinful, rebellious people like you and me and making us the Lord's servants, so that he gets the service of worship, praise, and glory."

Psalm 92:1-2 1 *It is* good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, (NKJV)

Derek Kidner "The exchange is quite unequal: to bless God is to acknowledge gratefully what he is; but to bless man, God must make of him what he is not, and give him what he has not."

Numbers 6:22-27 22 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: 24 "The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' 27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them." (NKJV)

Ted Donnelly "If you get nothing else from a worship service, except for the benediction, you'd be getting a lot!"

Rhett Dodson "The Lord Jesus is the true Priest who worships God. It was Christ who lifted his holy hands on the cross and blessed the Lord when he offered up himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins."

Leviticus 9:22 22 Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings. (NKJV)

Luke 24:50 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. (NKJV)