

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name

To bless the LORD means to thank Him/praise Him. David's thoughts and meditations on the GREAT THINGS that God had done for him personally resulted in extemporaneous praise and thanks to his God.

He repeats: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits

Here is the key to Blessing the LORD; forget not all His benefits. How can we forget the great things that our God has done for us? Psalms 66:16

Do you remember what the Lord Jesus told the man among the tombs, who was possessed by a legion of devils, after Jesus had cast the devils out of him? When that changed man said, Lord, let me stay with YOU?

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, go home to thy friends, and tell them how GREAT THINGS the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how GREAT THINGS Jesus had done for him; and all men did marvel Mark 5:29-30:

What are the GREAT THINGS that the Lord has done for you? Do you think upon them daily? This is where I want to park for a few minutes, specifically, on the first of these benefits or great things listed by David;

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities

Christian: Is your soul lifted up with thanks to God within your soul when you consider that He has forgiven for all of your sins because of the cross of Christ?

My heart is inditing (or overflowing) with a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King; and that is because within my soul, I have thought upon The King and I have not forgotten The GREAT THINGS that He has done for my soul! Psalms 45:1

What THINGS could be better or greater than the fact that God has forgiven you for all of your sins in Christ. THIS is the greatest blessing that could ever be bestowed upon a human soul; forgiveness for all of your sins!

In Christ, we possess so great a salvation!

Christian, the centerpiece of your great salvation is in the sufferings and death of The Lord Jesus Christ on the bloody cross of Golgotha.

Many eyes looked upon the first (3) hours of the crucifixion; but from the (6) to the (9) hour, there was darkness over the whole land. In those dark hours, God the Father unleashed His unmitigated wrath upon His only begotten Son for the sins of the ungodly world: Hear the groans and cries of the Son of Man as He was made sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him It was for my sins that He cried:

My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!

Not one of us knows what it's like to be completely forsaken by God! To be in a place of NO MORE opportunities to be saved; NO MORE grace, NO MORE mercy, and NO possibility of ever being forgiven for your sins!

Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil to be great; here you may view its nature rightly, here its guilt you may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bares the awful load!

I am so thankful that Jesus was died on that cross for my sins! I am so glad he suffered in my place! If there be no cross of Christ, there is no forgiveness for our sins! And if there is no forgiveness for our sins, the wrath of God abides upon us still; we are still enemies of God, we are still estranged from God, we are still captives of the devil, we are still of this present evil world, and we are still in danger of eternal damnation.

If not for the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, we would all be miserably ruined by our sins in this life, only to be eternally damned in the next.

If you're a Christian, this evening, you must never forget the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and what happened in those hours when He hung upon that cross!

Understand that if you're listening to me and you're lost; your sins are not forgiven; you're an enemy of God, His wrath is upon you; at this very moment the greatest need of your life is to see your sins laid upon Christ; but you can't stop there, you must turn away from your sins and believe in Christ for the salvation of your soul!

There is no other way to be forgiven for your sins; there is no other way to be reconciled to God. *John 14:6*

The blackness and exceeding sinfulness of your sins can only be removed from your soul's account in the sight of a Holy and Offended God by the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus Christ!

If you're a believer today, it was on that cross that the Son of Man paid for the wages of your sins. Romans 6:23

And He paid it in full; the justice of God was satisfied upon Christ for every sinner who will turn from your sins and believe Christ today to the saving of your souls.

Christian: Think about the magnitude of every sin of your life being laid upon Christ all at once; to include all of your pride and rebellion and disobedience against God from the past, for today, and for every coming day! Think about every bad attitude, every filthy thought, and every idle and foolish word spoken and yet to be spoken by you, all of it was laid upon Christ.

Isaiah 53:5-6: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all

The GREATEST THING that God could ever do for any human soul is forgive their sins! Consider THAT in this great salvation that you possess in Christ.

You are saved from your sins: from the penalty, punishment, dominion, power, and guilt.

You're saved from the wrath of God, you're no longer an enemy of God.

You're saved from Satan's captivity and control over your life, you have a new King!

You're saved from this present world; you're in it, but no longer of it.

You're saved from hell and from eternal damnation; you're no longer thirst after this world and this life, and that is because you're MADE for heaven!

Now that you possess all of this by God's Grace, how can you NOT say with the Psalmist:

Psalm 103:2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Psalm 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

Psalm 86:10: For thou art GREAT, and doest WONDROUS THINGS, thou art God alone!

Jeremiah 33:1-3 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name;

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Philippians 4:8-9 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.