Counting Our Many Blessings

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INTRODUCTION

- Consider the words of the Psalmist, and moreover, consider what joy, what thanksgiving, what faith was in the heart of the author of this psalm.
- O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

1 Give Thanks to the Lord, for He Is Good

- I think we can see that this is a psalm that we could easily adapt to our everyday prayer.
- Not just in application, not just recognizing, as verse one says, that the Lord is owed thanks, for he is good.

2 The Lord Is on Our Side

- When we are in distress, when we call out to the Lord, He will answer our prayers, physical, spiritual, up to and including sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.
- We know the Lord is on our side and that there's nothing that man can do to us.
- We can look with triumph on this world knowing that this isn't all there is, that the ultimate blessing that God gives us is not here and now.

3 Trust First in the Lord

- We know our true freedom, true liberty, true blessing is only found when we are going to be with our great God.
- It's not that we shouldn't trust in man, but we must trust first in the Lord. We cannot put our trust in ourselves even but in the Lord.
- What a powerful blessing in verse 19 that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

4 Are We Thankful? Do You Really Want Heaven?

- Consider of all the blessings that God has given to us are we thankful? Do we give thanks and praise to God?
- Do we ever stop and think about that more than once a week more than on Sunday mornings, more than on Wednesday evenings.
- Consider heaven is what? Being in the presence of God, rejoicing, praising and thanking our great God.
- If we can't be bothered to do that here in this life, what makes us think that our soul is really inclined to want to or be able to be received by God to do that for all of eternity?

THE CHALLENGE

Do I have that type of true joy, true thankfulness, and true trust in the Lord that the psalmist of chapter 118 had?

MY NOTES