God’s Greatest Blessing To Man Pt 2 Wed 5/1/24

 *Put the Word of God first, God and His Word are one.*

Proverbs 4:4-13 NKJV

4He also taught me, and said to me: “Let your heart retain my words;
Keep my commands, and live.
5Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
6Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.
7Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.
8Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.
9She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”

10Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.
11I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.
12When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.
13Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she *is* your life.

# 2 Peter 1:16-21 NKJV

# 16For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

# 17For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

# 18And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

# 19And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

# 20knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

# 21for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

# John 14:23 NKJV

# 23Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

# John 8:30-32 NKJV

# 30As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

# 31Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

# 32And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

# Luke 6:46-48 NKJV

# 46“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?

# 47Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

# 48He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

# Luke 8:4-15 NKJV

# 4And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

# 5“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

# 6Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

# 7And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

# 8But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

# 9Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?”

# 10And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’

# 11“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

# 12Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

# 13But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

# 14Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

# 15But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

#  *How does the heart become good soil? By meditating on the Word.*

# Joshua 1:8 NKJV

# 8This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

#  *Apply the Word to you personally; carefully ponder how this Word applies to you. Set yourself in agreement with what the Word says and act on the Word. The result of meditating and speaking the Word is action.*

#  *See Luke 6:46-48.*

# James 1:1-8 NKJV

# 1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:

# 2My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

# 3knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

# 4But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

# 5If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

# 6But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

# 7For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

# 8*he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

# James 1:22-25 NKJV

# 22But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

# 23For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

# 24for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

# 25But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it,* and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

# Proverbs 15:2 NKJV

# 2The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

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