

Blessings in the House

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When we are looking for spiritual blessings, we have to seek for them with a strong desire. We are to desire the things of God as a starving man desire his next meal or as one traveling in the desert desires his next drink of water.

We will see that one qualification for receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost is to desire it. There are other qualifications that we need to look into. But remember, if we truly desire the things of God, then we will do whatever it takes to receive them.

Hungry for the things of God

Desire them more than anything else in the world. Desire the Spirit.

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5: 6).

“My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? (Psalms 42: 2)

“God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is” (Psalms 63:1).

“I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah” (Psalms 143:6).

With a desire we stretch out our hands, worship the Lord and seek Him for His spiritual blessing. We hunger and thirst for the things of God.

As we desire, let us Believe

We must believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe and go to Jesus

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (John 6:35).

We believe and worship Him

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? (36) He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? (37) And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. (38) And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him” (John 9: 35-38).

We believe, desire and receive the Spirit.

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (39) (But this spake he of the

Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7: 37-39).

We believe and are baptized.

“And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (Acts 8: 36-37).

And with desire and belief we obey His word.

“And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him” (Acts 5:32).

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Hebrews 5: 9).

Blessed are the hungry for they shall be filled

If we truly desire the things of God, we will believe in Jesus and obey His word. As we do this we shall be filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5: 6).

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness” (Palms 107: 9).

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4: 14).

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22: 17).

Blessed are those who desire, believe and obey the Lord today, for they shall be filled.

As you read these scriptures

Consider three questions,

- 1) How does this scripture refer to God?
- 2) How does this scripture refer to Christian living?
- 3) How does this scripture refer to salvation?

Our goals

To love the Lord and to grow in His love and grace. To love each other and to grow in our relationships with each other. And to love the church and see it grow in numbers and members.

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