



## BLESS THE LORD

**SCRIPTURAL LESSON:** *Psalm 103:1-5*

**GOSPEL TRUTH:**

The *Word of God* commands us to give thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is important to comprehend, humbly acknowledge and be grateful and appreciative of everything that the Lord God does for us. The need for thanksgiving encompasses every area of our lives and we must remember to immediately, and first and foremost, give thanks to God (*Psalm 100:4; I Thessalonians 5:18*).

**GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:**

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Psalm 103:2).*

**THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:**

1. Of utmost importance is thanksgiving for the salvation of our souls; for the Savior who left the splendors of Heaven to die on the Cross of Calvary for the salvation of our souls; for giving us the Gospel of the Kingdom of God unto salvation for all men (*Matthew 1:21; Mark 1:14-15; John 3:16*).
2. There is power in prayer and we have confidence that He will answer our prayers as we ask in faith believing (*Luke 11:9-10; I Thessalonians 5:17-18*).
3. Healing is a great blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ, for He is the Great and Mighty Physician that has never lost a case (*Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 4:23-24; Luke 4:18*).
4. Jesus is our Divine Protector, Refuge, Fortress, Shield and Buckler and gives His angels charge over us (*Psalms 28:7; 91:1-16; Proverbs 18:10*).

5. Blessings abound as we serve the Lord and obey His *Word (Psalm 68:19; Malachi 3:10; Ephesians 1:3)*.

**BACKGROUND SETTING:**

David had risen from a lowly shepherd boy to a great king of Israel who loved the Lord. He became a man after God's own heart. He was delivered many times: as a shepherd boy; from the hands of Saul; in battle with the enemy; with Goliath; through tests and trials in his personal life and with his family. Yet, he trusted in God and received deliverance, forgiveness, kindness, tender mercy, love and victory. In every circumstance, David knew that it was his God who would provide deliverance and victory; therefore, he immediately committed it all to prayer (*Psalm 51:1-19*). Praise was always in his heart and on his lips as he rejoiced in the mercy and deliverance of his God.

**LESSON SUMMARY:**

We must always remember to thank God for everything we are promised and for what He has already done for us, just as David did. Words cannot begin to express the gratitude we should have in our hearts; praise and thanksgiving should always be on our lips for who He is and all that the Lord Jesus Christ has done and will do for us. *“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name” (Psalm 100:4). “To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen” (Jude 25).*

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