

Worshipping God by Listening to Him Speak

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 4 (p. 628)

Epistle Reading: James 1:16-17, 4:13-16 (p. 854)

Gospel Lesson Text: Deuteronomy 8 (p. 131)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord!* Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: “How to Behave When God Blesses Me”

Introduction: God often _____ me in my _____, and He’s blessed me _____ through _____ with His Spirit, His Word, forgiveness, and eternal life.

In view of this, what should my _____ be in life about the nice things that _____ to me, the nice things that I _____, the _____ I possess, and the eternal _____ that’s ahead of me?

1. I deserve _____ good (Job 41:11, Romans 6:23).
2. I _____ have _____ everyday things in my life (Deuteronomy 8:2-4, 7-10, 15-16, Daniel 4:20-22, 1 Chronicles 29:14, Acts 14:17).
3. _____, I have good things: He delivered me from my _____ to sin, marked/baptized me by the Holy _____, and brought me into the “Promised Land” of the _____, where the son of David, Jesus, is my _____; my “capital _____” is the heavenly Jerusalem, and I am a citizen of _____ (Deuteronomy 8:14, Romans 6-7, 6:25, 1 Corinthians 10:1-2, 12:13, Ephesians 1:3, Mark 1:15, John 18:37, Hebrews 1:3-8, Hebrews 12:22, Philippians 3:20).
4. The source of _____ the good things I have is _____ (Lamentations 3:38, James 1:17).

a. God sustained me and provided for me _____ I entered Christ's kingdom (the Promised Land of the Church) by saving faith (8:3-4, Matthew 5:45, Acts 14:17).

b. In my life as a Christian, _____ is the _____ of my every blessing (7-10, 12-13, Isaiah 26:12, Lamentations 3:38, 8:7-10, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 1:3).

5. When God blesses me, don’t _____ Him (11, 18, 19, 1 Kings 11, 20, 2 Kings 20, 2 Chronicles 24).

a. Continue to be devoted to my _____ Him (10, Psalm 103:2).

b. And do not to have other _____ that prevent this (19, Matthew 13:22).

6. When God blesses me, don’t credit _____ for the blessing (12-14, 17, Daniel 4:29-30).

7. In contrast, when God blesses me, _____ my faithfulness (1).

a. To keep God’s blessings _____ (8:1, 4:40, 5:16, 28:1-13).

b. To _____ God’s blessings (8:1, Genesis 22:16-18, Philippians 2:5-11).

c. Realize that God’s blessings are to lead us to _____ that _____ leads to _____ (Deuteronomy 28:1-13).

Summary: When God blesses me, _____ the lesson: become _____ faithful, to _____ His blessings coming and to _____ them.