



Blessings: The human ones

Romans 1 begins with a description of what is called natural revelation. I chose to call these blessing type normal. It is what we normally encounter in creation. There are people who thank the Lord for the sun and the rain. They recognize the normal natural revelation of God. We could also just simply call them blessings. The second type could have many names. I chose to call them human blessings. They happen because we pray. It could be Gods will for one human to bless another. They are from God but He uses a human element to enact them

In Acts 8 we find Phillip encountering an Ethiopian eunuch. This man is confused about a part of the Bible he acquired. What does it mean. Phillip is brought on a path (by God) to help this man know what he is reading. Some say the African church originates from this Eunuch. Phillip was a human blessing given by God to Africa. I was listening to Dr. Laura one night. I was not a saved man. She said that I needed spirituality. It is fascinating that she is Jewish. Yet, God used that tape to draw me to the Christian church. It has been a blessing to me ever since. I would also say that I may have been a blessing to others since that night.

Why is God Spirit? Honestly, we do not know. Yet, a hint might be that God chose to use human flesh to carry out certain blessings on this earth. The Devil wanted power. God uses inferior humans to overcome the more powerful Devil. How do we defeat the Devil? It is by blessing those around us. To reciprocate the love of God. I have often said that certain people I have met were a blessing to me. It is scary to think that God sent me a lady years ago to pray for me. Yet, I said no at the time. How many blessings have I rejected? What if we anticipated

receiving a blessing through others. Knowing that it is God who is driving it. Would we say yes if we really knew who sent it?

I heard a sermon today that said Jesus is usually in our calamity waiting for us to get there. Who is really going to save us? It is Jesus standing in the fire. What if we believed that the blessing is waiting for us to arrive? So often we want to avoid trouble. To not go through the hard choices. Yet, that is where Jesus is most of the time. A blessing comes out of saving us. Providing us a better path. We all know that we see the blessings when we arrive on the other side of trouble. Maybe we should be looking for those who are sent to help? Maybe they know the way out because God told them.

There are those who testify that blessings are real. That we should be asking for them. I would dare say chasing them. Yet, many of us (like myself) find a way to avoid it. We do not get in the prayer line. People walk out of church and do not serve it. They refuse to join a Christian life group on a week night. Trust me, I can always feel the pull away from helping God's kingdom. The Devil prompts us to flee a prayer. To flee joining a church. Why do we flee? I know that many do. There is a reason that pastors spend an enormous amount of time asking us to come closer. Why? It is because the vast majority do not? The Devil says run and we flee like it is the best thing to do.

James 4:7 says "*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*" Maybe read this verse a few times until it hits you. It says we resist the Devil and He will flee from us. What it means is that if humans want to help us. To bless us. The Devil will say flee. Yet, if we resist those thoughts, the Devil will flee from us. How and why? If we turn and go towards God's blessing what is really happening? God is coming closer as we draw closer to

the blessing. The Devil will always flee from God. How to avoid evil things happening to you? Flee towards God. This is not rocket science.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (in Daniel 3) are willing to step into the fire. Listen to these great words. *“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”*

So, the men willingly go into the furnace. The King then sees four men in the fire. Is the fourth Jesus? Yet, the point is there. Someone will be sent to meet you where you need them. It happens all the time. I know someone who could lose their house. Their business starts to thrive beyond measure suddenly. A friend of a friend is blessing them with business. The friend's wife? She is a high up loans manager in the bank! God is sending the blessing! To the business, their home, and into their souls. My friend looks healthier than she has for weeks. Out of the frying pan and into the blessing!

Oddly enough we need to run into trouble knowing that Jesus is there. That does not mean we should look for trouble. It also does not mean we should be pleased with calamity. Yet, fear not! If trouble should find you, flee into it knowing Jesus is with you. God's blessing is waiting there for you to grab it. this study today has been a long-winded way of saying flee towards the Lord and the God of blessings will be there before you are. He knows what is going on. If we are offered a human blessing then know it from God. Look for it! Expect it! Chase trouble away because God is with you! Chase the Blessing!