



The Master's Teaching

Luke 11:27-28

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

Blessed!

I. The meaning of being blessed

What is blessing, then? Scripture shows that blessing is anything God gives that makes us fully satisfied in him. Anything that draws us closer to Jesus. Anything that helps us relinquish the temporal and hold on more tightly to the eternal. Blessing always flows out of God's benevolent creative design for his creatures and coincides with obedience to his will.

II. The conditions for being blessed

Deuteronomy 28:1

“Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I am commanding you today, that the Lord your

God will put you high above all the nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings will come to you and reach you if you obey the Lord your God

1 Samuel 15:22

²² Samuel said, “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed what God says is better than the fat of rams.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

James 1:22-25

²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the *law* of freedom, and has continued *in it*, not having become a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does.

III. The “how to” of being blessed

A. Hearing the Word

B. Obeying the Word