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The LORD our God is the Author of all our Blessings

GENESIS 1:28, 12:2-3

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. ""

Numbers 6:24-26

May your land (possession) be blessed by the LORD with the precious gift of dew from heaven and water from beneath the earth; with the rich fruit that grows in the sun, and the rich harvest produced each month; with the finest crops of the ancient mountains and the abundance of the everlasting hills; with the best gifts of the earth and its bounty, and the favor of the One who appeared in the burning bush.

Deuteronomy 33:13-16 (paraphrased)

If you are <u>in CHRIST</u> you are the most blessed !!!

EPHESIANS 1:3-7

Benediction

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Latin: bene, 'well' + dicere, 'to speak'

- May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14
- May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. Psalms 67:1 May the LORD cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 115:14-15

May the LORD answer you when you are in distress, may the Name of the God of Jacob protect you. May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. We will shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.

Psalms 20:1, 4, 5

But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your Name may rejoice in You. Surely, LORD, You bless the righteous; You surround them with Your favor as with a shield.

Psalms 5:11-12

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

Psalms 128: 1-4

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AMENE

And you are blessed to be a blessing!

The Valley of Baca Psalms 84:6

Psalms 84:1-12

- A Pilgrim's Psalm.
- All able-bodied Jewish men are required to perform their pilgrimage to Jerusalem 3X a year; to celebrate the Passover, Shavout & Sukkhot
- Some have to travel great distances, through difficult terrain, with much difficulties and hardship to get to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Valley of Baca

- Mentioned only once in the Bible.
- Location unknown, probably not an actual geographical location but figurative.
- "Baca" means weeping, tears. American Bible teacher Warren Wiersbe defines Baca as - "Any difficult or painful place in life, where everything seems hopeless, feel helpless, in the pit of despair."

"The Valley of Baca" represents

- Difficult times, rough patch in life
- Challenges, feelings of failure and defeat
- Despair, darkness, bleak future
- Discouragement
- Low points in life, setbacks
- Challenges physical, emotional

Sooner or later, every child of God (even though blessed with every spiritual blessings in the heavenlies) will find himself/herself passing through the valley of Baca (filling it with tears).

But God's promises are crystal clear; we can be more than conquerors through Christ who loved us, in spite of these hard and difficult circumstances of life.

- Psalm 84:7. "They go from strength to strength." Not our own but the Lord's strength. "Blessed are those whose strength is in You" (v.5). Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD (v.12). We cannot rely on flesh; God's strength and grace are completely sufficient. See Jeremiah 17
- Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (<u>Psalm 30:5</u>). "passing through the valley of Baca v6; walk through the valley of the shadow Ps23:4
- God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear" (<u>Psalm 46:1,2</u>).

1Kings 20:23-28

• Meanwhile, the officials of the king of Aram advised him, "Their gods are gods of the hills. That is why they were too strong for us. But if we fight them on the plains, surely we will be stronger than they. Do this: Remove all the kings from their commands and replace them with other officers. You must also raise an army like the one you lost horse for horse and chariot for chariot—so we can fight Israel on the plains. Then surely we will be stronger than they." He agreed with them and acted accordingly.

1Kings 20:23-28

• The next spring Ben-Hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. When the Israelites were also mustered and given provisions, they marched out to meet them. The Israelites camped opposite them like two small flocks of goats, while the Arameans covered the countryside.

The man of God came up and told the king of Israel, "This is what the LORD says: 'Because the Arameans think the LORD is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and **you will know that I am the LORD**."



Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. Gal 3:13