Blessings in Relation to Obedience (45 Minutes)
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Introduction: Today, I want to talk to you about the relationship between blessings and obedience. "Blessed" translates the Greek adjective *makarios* (μακάριος, *Strong's 3107*) which is translated "happy" by the Old King James Version. Obedience is required for us to enjoy our journey.

I. "If You Know These Things:"

A. "These things" – all the things that Jesus had taught His disciples and would teach them in the future.

1. In the immediate context, Jesus taught His disciples humble service to one another (John 13:1-17).

2. Jesus taught His disciples to love one another (John 13:34-35).

B. Some of the things the disciples knew:

1. The disciples knew the greatest two commandments out of 613 (Matthew 22:35-40; cf. Job 1 & 2).

2. The disciples knew God is to be a priority in one's life (Matthew 6:33).

3. The disciples knew they were to forgive one another (Mark 11:25-26).

C. We do not need to know anything new to be blessed.

D. Some of the things we know:

1. Glorify God at all times and in all things (1 Corinthians 10:31).

2. Seek reconciliation (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-20).

3. Be anxious for nothing (Philippians 4:6-8).

4. Be filled with the Holy Spirit of God (Ephesians 5:18; cf. Galatians 5:16).

5. Pray for one another (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16).

6. Give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

7. Encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25).

8. Three things we cannot do too much of:

a. We cannot pray too much (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

b. We cannot praise God too much (Psalm 113:3).

c. We cannot ponder the Word of God too much (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3).

9. Share our faith and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20, NKJV; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).

10. Requirements for revival (2 Chronicles 7:14).

II. "Blessed Are You If You Do Them:"

A. Blessings result from doing not just hearing or knowing.

B. We are commanded to be doers of the Word and not hearers only (James 1:21-25).

1. "Man" translates the Greek noun *anēr* (ἀνήρ, Strong's 435) which is translated "man" and "husband" (James 1:23; cf. Ephesians 5:22).

2. The Greek word for "woman" and "wife" is the noun *gunē* (γυνή, Strong's 1135) (1 Corinthians 11:5; Ephesians 5:22).

3. The Greek word for both men and women is the noun *anthrōpos* (ἄνθρωπος, Strong's 444) (2 Timothy 3:17).

a. **The reasons James used *anēr* instead of *anthrōpos* is because women make adjustments but men frequently forget…**
b. **Deception results from knowing but not doing including everyone (James 1:21-25).**

C. **We are not doing God a favor when we obey Him:**
1. **Noah and his family were delivered from the flood because Noah did all God commanded him to do (Genesis 6:22; 7:1, 13).**
2. **The manifest presence of God filled the tabernacle after Moses had done all God commanded him to do (Exodus 40:16-38).**
3. **The walls of Jericho fell because of the obedience of God's people (Joshua 6:1-27).**
4. **The wedding in Cana of Galilee (John 2:5).**
5. **The man born blind received his sight because of his obedience to the command of Jesus (John 9:1-12).**
6. **Peter launched out into the deep and caught more fish than he could handle because of his obedience to the command of Jesus (Luke 5:1-8).**
7. **The 10 lepers were healed because of their obedience to Jesus (Luke 17:11-19).**

D. **How many blessings are we missing because of our disobedience to God?**

E. **Assignment: Read Psalm 81:8-16 and list the things that might have been if God's people had obeyed Him.**

F. **The ten commands we will repeat until we become doers of the Word and not hearers only:**
1. **Be filled with the Holy Spirit of God (Ephesians 5:18).**

2. **Walk in the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16).**

3. **Seek God's glory at all times (1 Corinthians 10:31).**

4. **Make and keep God as a priority in your life (Matthew 6:33; 22:37-38).**

5. **Trust and obey God at all times and in all things (Proverbs 3:5-6).**

6. **Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32; cf. Mark 11:25-26; Psalm 103:3).**

7. **Seek reconciliation (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-20).**

8. **Make praise, prayer, and thanksgiving substitutes or replacement for worry or anxiety (Philippians 4:6-7).**

9. **Meditate on the right things (Philippians 4:8).**

10. **Witness and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20, NKJV, Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).**

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