

5-4-2025 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Deuteronomy 33:27-29
Title: **Happy People According to the Bible**

God said to Israel, "**Happy are you.**". Saying that the eternal God is his refuge, and that his eternal arm is under them, he casts out his enemies from before him, saying, "**Destroy them.**"

God said that Israel was a people who had been saved by the Lord. God said that He was his shield of help and the sword of his excellence. He also said that his enemies would be exposed to him as liars, and that he would tread on their high places.

God, who is with Israel, is destroying those who are invisible but who are under them and who want to harm Israel.

God blessed the children of Israel through Moses, the man of God, before he died:

" And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

³ Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words."
(Deuteronomy 33:2-3).

God made Israel a peculiar people in the world:

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:"(Exodus 19:5)

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself,

above all the nations that are upon the earth. ... And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;"(Deuteronomy 14:2; 26:18)

The Bible tells us that happy people will appear not only among the Israelites but also among other nations:

"Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.... Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:"(Psalm 144:15; 146:5)

The Gentiles who were saved through Jesus Christ, who came to the world as a Jew as descendants of David and Abraham of Israel, also became happy people before God. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman, He said that salvation comes from the Jews:

"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews."(John 4:22)

The Apostle Paul testified that those who were born Gentiles and believed in Christ Jesus and belonged to the Church of God became happy people:

"¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

¹¹ Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

¹² That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of

promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:¹⁷ And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.¹⁸ For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;”(Ephesians 2:10-19)

" For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

² If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

⁶ That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

⁷ Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should

preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

¹¹ According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

¹² In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.”(Ephesians 3:1-12)

The Apostle Peter also testified that we were Gentiles who were happy before God: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;
¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.¹¹ Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
¹² Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”(1 Peter 2:9-12)

The Israelites will have the happiness of being eternal priests in Jerusalem, the earthly kingdom ruled by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the brides of Christ who belong to the Church of God are blessed to be happy people who dwell with Christ forever in the heavenly New Jerusalem and work with Him to fill all things. Amen! Hallelujah!