

The Pathway of Happiness

Revelation 21:6-7

1. The meaning of blessing

People like to receive blessings and often talk about blessings in greetings. But it is important to know how to obtain our own God's blessing.

Blessing is not private, but public. It cannot be privately owned, because it comes from God, the Lord of the universe. The individual passes away, but the blessing remains behind him or her. The blessing is that which is to be endorsed by history, by the contemporary generation, and by the future. Those who live their lives publicly may at first be ignored by their contemporaries, but the day will come when their life histories will be noticed.

We cannot experience greatest happiness without undergoing the public process. That's the reason why we need to live for public justice, to live in accordance with the will of God.

2. Three blessings

God gave mankind three blessings. (Explain the three blessings in detail.) A certain time period was required to really own those three blessings. This time period was reserved for human fulfillment of responsibility, that is, for fighting self, for ruling self, and for being victorious over self.

Jacob (the first victor in human history) showed us that God would bless the victor's descendents as well as the victor himself. God has been looking for people who are qualified for being blessed: looking for victors!

At the time of Adam and Eve, God wanted to see his children fulfill their responsibility and own the blessings! But they fell. In the process of restoration (salvation) God looks for victors. In order to be victors, we should pass through tests concerning money, human relationship, spirit world, angelic world, and God Himself.

3. The pathway of happiness

People very often yearn for blessings, but overlook the process. God is concerned with seeing us keep the blessings rather than with offering them. He wants us to keep those blessings eternally. It is more sorrowful to lose the blessings than to wait impatiently for them.

As soon as we are prepared, God will give us blessings without delay. We should walk the public way and prepare ourselves for eternal happiness. God wants us to share happiness with others. Happiness is public, and belongs to all humankind. Hence God does not want to see happiness restricted to the individual level. God also wants the blessings to become available to our descendents as well as to our neighborhood.

The more happiness comes to us, the more we should try to share it with others. Happiness will leave us if we forget the eternal meaning of blessing, or if we become egotistic. The blessing will stay with us only if we offer it to all mankind and bequeath it to our descendents. In other words, the blessing will be with me only if I become its pathway toward others and descendents. This is the only way for us to be related with God's blessing.