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Psalms 33:12:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Let's take time to savor this verse. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." The word "nation" in this verse is referring not to the governing structure of a nation, but to the believers living within that nation. In the Old Testament, when a group of people within a nation believed and acted according to the standard of God's Word, they were blessed. The same is true today in the Grace Administration. In Romans 4:11 Abraham is referred to as "the father of all them that believe." Many of the promises made to Abraham and the nation of Israel are also available to us when we believe. Throughout the entire Bible, in every administration, God's will and desire is for His people to be blessed.

While attending my first fellowship, I had the realization that these people actually believed the promises of God! I saw such abundance in their lives and began to understand how they, in turn, could personally convey so many blessings to others. They were like lights in a dark room. Wherever they went, others would light up too. Their joyful state (resulting from their fellowship with God) affected everyone who came in contact with them. As sons of God, they brought blessings to their community, their city, and ultimately their nation. God's blessings and abundance are promised to those who believe in Him. Believing God makes a spiritual impact resulting in the blessing of the entire nation.

God's heart is that people in all nations, even unto the uttermost parts of the earth, have the opportunity to believe and thereby receive His blessings.

Galatians 3:6-8:

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith [believing], the same are the children of Abraham.

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

The scripture says that there is no respect of persons with God (Romans 2:11), but conditions need to be right to receive from God. Right believing is the required condition. When God and His Word are believed by the people of any nation, they then can receive His blessings. On the day of Pentecost, the apostles manifested holy spirit for the first time. At that occasion, there were present devout men out of every nation under heaven who heard them speak in tongues—speaking the wonderful works of God. They were certainly blessed.

Later while Peter was sharing the Word with Cornelius, a Roman centurion, he and his entire household believed and received holy spirit into manifestation. Since the day of Pentecost, holy spirit (also called power from on high and the promise of the Father) and the resulting blessings have been available to anyone of any nation under heaven. And this is the first recorded account of someone of the Gentile nations being born again and receiving the holy spirit into manifestation.

The spoken Word brings light to an area, and our walk with God can affect everyone around us. If the people of any nation are going to enjoy the blessings of God, it takes believing believers speaking the Word and manifesting God's abundance. Let's look at the example of Philip.

Acts 8:5,6,8:

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

And there was great joy in that city.

Philip preached the truths about Christ to the people of Samaria, and the city was filled with great joy. Later in Acts 8, we still see Philip preaching the Word, this time to an Ethiopian eunuch of great authority. Philip joined himself to this man's chariot and preached unto him Jesus. After Philip led the Ethiopian into the new birth, "the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he [the eunuch] went on his way rejoicing." What do you think the eunuch talked about when he returned home?

The abundance manifested by God's people as they live the Word lights up the lives of those around them. Look at Philip's impact in Samaria and on the Ethiopian eunuch. What can you and I do in our communities? Does the Word say that we are to shine as lights only in our homes? No, we are to shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:15). And that world is comprised of every people of every nation.

God promised Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18). Spiritually, you and I are of Abraham's seed because we believe God. All people of all nations are blessed by God when they believe what He promised in His Word. Like Peter and Philip, we too can bring joy and blessings to the people of our nations as we live and speak the Word. Never underestimate the power of God that you bring to others—it can light up the people of a nation. No matter what nation, no matter what people, blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

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