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Lesson Text: Ephesians 1

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES

1. **There Are Different Levels In The Ministry**
 - a. Different levels of the ministry = different levels of anointings (power)
 - b. We all don't have the same depth in the Spirit
 - c. Depth in the Spirit comes from the knowledge of the word of God and spiritual experience
 - d. Knowledge + spiritual experience = An anointing or positions Eph 4:11

2. **The Knowledge Must Be Based On the Word of God**
 - a. Knowledge can puff up, must need knowledge in the word of God I Cor 8:1
 - b. We need knowledge of the word + spiritual experience
 - c. Trouble comes when one is looking for a spiritual experience without the knowledge of the word of God
 - d. We must have the spirit of wisdom & revelation Eph 1:17
in the knowledge of Him
 - e. It's very dangerous to be a prophet and not know the word of God, another spirit besides the Holy Spirit will be in operation
 - f. For this cause many false prophets are gone out into the world I John 4:1
 - g. The positions consist of apostles (bishops), prophets, evangelist, pastors and teachers Eph 4:11
 - h. The Corinthians were carnal and were not qualified in this group of these different levels of anointings in the ministry I Cor 3:1-3
Eph 4:11

3. **With God On Our Side & Through it All, We Will Be Found Standing**
 - a. You can be illuminated, but you must maintain that illumination and grow
 - b. You could lose that illumination
 - c. When you see others going through, be patient with them Gal 6:1-2
because you never know what is going to come your way
 - d. You will go through persecution, misunderstanding, disappointment, tribulation, and when all that is over you have got to be found standing II Cor 4:8-10
 - e. Those things were meant to make you fall John 10:10
 - f. Those were curve balls from Satan
 - g. Judge nothing before the time, just wait, and give it time I Cor 4:5



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4. The Difference Between The Jews & Modern Christians Is The Jews Know Who God Is

- a. Paul says, "God our Father" Eph 1:2
- b. The Jews never had a problem knowing who God is John 8:41
- c. Today Christians have a problem believing who God is
- d. Modern day Christians believe that Jesus is God
- e. The Jews never had a problem differentiating between God and Jesus
- f. The Jews had a problem with Jesus because Jesus made himself equal with God, and the Jews wanted to stone him John 5:18
John 10:31-33
- g. The Jews know today who God is
- h. When a believer is confused about their foundation on who God is, that believer will be confused about everything else concerning salvation, doctrine of God, etc.

5. There Are Two Types of Blessings

- a. Spiritual Blessings- You receive these blessings when you have a desire for them
 - i. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom...." Matt 6:33
 - ii. God wants to bless us with all spiritual blessings Eph 1:3
 - iii. All the people in this verse must know about spiritual blessings Eph 4:11
 - iv. **Heavenly places**= Means in the church Eph 1:3
 - 1. This also could be in heaven Eph 1:20
 - 2. The high places are also heavenly places Eph 6:12
 - 3. The power of the Highest is the greatest power over those principalities and powers in Eph 6:12 Eph 1:19-21
 - 4. Types of heavenly places **in the CHURCH**
 - a. Tuesday night corporate prayer & service
 - b. Choir Rehearsal
 - c. Friday night corporate prayer & service
 - d. Sunday CE, Morning & Evening Service
 - e. That's why when you come to church, you get delivered, Illuminated, healed, saved, and blessed
- b. Natural Blessings- Material blessings

6. Fasting Helps Us To Deny The World

- a. Love not the world I John 2:15-17
- b. While fasting, be careful of what you watch on TV & music you listen to
- c. Fasting is a sacrifice & time off from the world
- d. God wants to give you power
- e. Jesus said, there is a reward for forsaking all & being persecuted Mk 10:28-30