

Separated and Saturated

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To receive God's blessings, we must be separated from the world and saturated with the Word.

Scripture: Genesis 13:10, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1, Matthew 5:6, Mark 14:54, Luke 22:55, John 18:18

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Description

Warren Wiersbe emphasizes the importance of being recipients and channels of God's blessings by meeting His conditions. He highlights the need to be separated from the world, not isolating ourselves but maintaining contact without contamination, as sin is a gradual process that can lead to condemnation. Wiersbe also stresses the significance of being saturated with the Word, allowing it to delight and direct us, comparing meditation on the Word to spiritual digestion. By following these conditions, we can expect God's blessings and become blessings to others.

Transcript

Read Psalm 1:1,2

Two of the most popular words in the Christian vocabulary are bless and blessing. God wants to bless His people. He wants them to be recipients and channels of blessing. God blesses us to make us a blessing to others, but He has given us certain conditions for receiving blessings.

First, we must be separated from the world (v. 1). The world is anything that separates us from God or causes us to disobey Him. Separation is not isolation but contact without contamination. Sin is usually a gradual process. Notice the gradual decline of the sinner in verse 1. He is walking (Mark 14:54), standing (John 18:18) and then sitting (Luke 22:55). Becoming worldly is progressive; it happens by degrees. We make friends with the world; we become spotted by the world; we love the world, become confirmed to it and end up condemned with it. Lot is an example of someone who became worldly. He looked toward Sodom, pitched his tent toward Sodom, lived there, lost everything and ended in sin.

Second, we must be saturated with the Word (v. 2). Whatever delights us directs us. We saturate ourselves with the Word by meditating on it. Meditation is to the spirit what digestion is to the body. When we meditate on the Word, we allow the Spirit of God within us to "digest" the Word of God for us. So not only do we delight in the Word, it becomes a source of spiritual nourishment for us.

Enjoy the blessings God has for you and allow Him to make you a blessing to others. (A third condition, being situated by the waters, is the topic of our next devotional.)

God desires to bless us, but we must meet His conditions for receiving blessings. By staying separate from the world and keeping saturated in the Word, we may expect God's blessings. Resolve to meditate on the Word of God and obey it. He will make you a blessing to others.

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