

## MORNING WORSHIP

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Title: "Blessings are on the head of the righteous"

Text: Proverbs 10:6-10

### (I) WHAT IS A BLESSING?

#### 1. The significance of God's blessings may be listed as:-

- a) A sign of God's approval
- b) A sign of God's favor

#### 2. Evidence of God's blessings

- a) It will be most evident
- b) It will be very obvious

### (II) THE PROMISE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS TO THE RIGHTEOUS

#### 1. God's blessing is like an anointing of the individual

*"Blessings are on the head of the righteous,  
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked." Proverbs 10:6*

#### 2. God's blessing extends to the name (memory) of the righteous living and dead

*"The memory of the righteous is blessed,  
But the name of the wicked will rot." Proverbs 10:7*

#### 3. God's blessing extends to material wealth

*"The blessing of the LORD makes one rich,  
And He adds no sorrow to it" Proverbs 10:22*

#### 4. God's blessing extends to granting of desires (prayer)

*"...And the desire of the righteous will be granted." Proverbs 10:24*

### **(III) THE DESIRE FOR BLESSING**

#### **A short study of Jacob's search for blessings (Genesis 27-28)**

##### **1. The search for man's blessing (Genesis 27)**

##### **2. The futility of this search for blessing**

- a) It was sought for through deceit
- b) The words of blessing were pronounced
- c) Sorrow and anguish followed

*"So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, 'The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob.'" **Genesis 27:41***

##### **3. True blessing comes from God alone**

- a) Knowledge of God

*"...I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac..." **Genesis 28:13***

- b) Promise of blessing of God's Presence

*"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." **Genesis 28:15***

##### **4. Appropriate Response to the Promise of God's blessing**

*"Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, So that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.'" **Genesis 28:20-22***

- a) A vow
- b) To embrace the LORD personally as God
- c) To give a tithe of all that God will bless with