

2020.11.01 Sunday Sermon <God Deals Bountifully with Us>

Psalm 33:18-19

¹⁸ *But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,*

¹⁹ *to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.*

Psalm 116:1-8

¹ *I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.*

² *Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.*

³ *The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.*

⁴ *Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"*

⁵ *The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.*

⁶ *The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.*

⁷ *Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.*

⁸ *For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,*

It is already November and as we look back January through October, we have seen how the Lord has been so bountiful for all of us. I also looked at my past 68 years - I have recently celebrated 40th wedding anniversary with my wife, and I have been the lead pastor for this church for the past 30 years. The Lord has truly been bountiful to me and to all of us by showing his grace and mercy to save us. As we read through today's scripture, let us focus onto key verses 7 and 12.

1. How Did He Bountifully Provide Us?

As we read through Psalm, we see how the Lord was good to all of us by protecting and saving us.

- **Psalm 116:7**
Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.
- **Psalm 103:10**
he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- **Psalm 116:6**
The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- **Psalm 123:3**
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.

He even saved us from death and supported us, and during difficult moments He was there for us.

- **Psalm 116:8**
For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
- **Psalm 37:24**
though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.
- **Psalm 94:18**
When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, Lord, supported me.

He also freed us and sent His one and only Son to save all of us (Image of Jesus on the Cross)

- **Psalm 116:16**
Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.
- **Psalm 68:19**
Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

As we look around the world, there are so many things that makes us anxious. Covid-19 cases are spiking up all over the world. We hear about terror attacks at France, where middle school teacher was beheaded and three people at church were stabbed. In this country, people are anxious and nervous about the outcome of Tuesday's election. With all these

things happening, the Lord reminds and our families that He is with us.

- **John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

2. How Do We Repay Him?

As Psalm 116:7 shows us how the Lord is bountiful with us, Psalm 116:12 asks how we can repay for the love and protection.

- **Psalm 116:12**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

First, we shall be **thankful** for being alive -

- **Psalm 116:13**

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

- **D.L. Moody** said, "A Godly Christian is a person who prays continuously. However, a true Godly Christian is a person who has a grateful heart."

- **German Politician Story**

A young German politician was traveling and was staying at a motel for one night. The next morning, he realized someone stole his shoes and became extremely upset. He even thought to himself - how can the Lord do such a thing to a poor politician? The owner of the hotel loaned the politician pair of shoes and both attended Sunday Service. As the politician sat and looked around, he saw someone without two legs. That moment he became embarrassed for complaining about stolen shoes when there are others who do not have legs. That day, he changed his mind and life. He started to have thankful heart and became a Finance Minister of Germany.

Second, we shall be **faithful** and keep our promises to the Lord -

- **Psalm 116:14**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

- **Story of a Deacon**

There was a female deacon who wanted to give offering but couldn't due to financial difficulty. She prayed, "Lord, I would like to give offering to the church. If you provide me financial assistance, I would like to give offering to you." Like a miracle, good things started to happen to the deacon and became financially stable. However, she forgot about the promise she gave to the Lord and few years past. All of sudden, she got into a car accident and later she had to get surgery due to swollen thyroid gland. She asked the Lord, "Why am I going through these troubles? What have I done wrong?" The Lord answered her, "Why have you not kept the promise?" She then realized the prayer and promise she gave to the Lord. She asked for forgiveness and she gave the insurance money she received from the car accident as offering. Her heart was filled with thanksgiving and peace.

Third, we shall be **merciful** to others -

- **Psalm 116:15**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

- **1 Samuel 24:18**

You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the Lord delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me.

- **Amish School Shooting**

In October 2, 2006, there was a shooting incident at Amish School in Lancaster PA. Charles Robert shot ten students and ended up killing five of them. At the end, he shot himself to death. This was a shocking news but what was shocking was the reaction the Amish parents. The parents forgave the shooter and their family

members came to Charles' funeral. They consoled the shooter's wife and children. A reporter asked the one of the parents, "How could you attend his funeral?" The parent responded, "I could not have brought myself...it was the Lord's doing."

- **Luke 6:37-38**

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

In Summary:

The Lord has been bountiful by pouring His blessings and mercy to all of us. Let us repay by...

1. Being **Thankful** for Being Alive
2. Being **Faithful** by Keeping Our Promises to the Lord
3. Being **Merciful** to Others

Prayer:

I am not worthy enough to get this grace
With the power of Your presence
Because I have another day, I thank you
Let this day be truthful, I pray
Let this day be kind, I pray
People who I will meet, Give them mercy, I pray
Let this day be gentle, I pray
Let this day be humble, I pray
People who make my steps tire, Give them one more chance, I pray