

## The Blessing of Being Willing and Obedient Sun Am 8/22/2018

Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

*2 Conditions of Blessings.*

*1. If you are willing.*

*2. If you are obedient.*

John 2:1-10 (NKJV)

**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

<sup>2</sup> Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

<sup>3</sup> And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

<sup>6</sup> Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*.

<sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

<sup>10</sup> And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

*When you stop whining and do what He says.*

Luke 5:1-10 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

<sup>2</sup> and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets.

<sup>3</sup> Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

<sup>5</sup> But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

<sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

<sup>7</sup> So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

<sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;

<sup>10</sup> and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

*Peter acknowledged Christ as the Master of the fish and sea. He confessed his failure in a whole nights work but obeyed the Master when He gave the Word. The result was such a great haul of fish that the net began to break and the ships began to sink.*

Luke 11:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

John 16:4-6 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

"And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup> "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

<sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

**John 15:14 (NKJV)**

**<sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.**

*If you obey My commands, you are My friend, if you do not you are not.*

**Joshua 5:6 (NKJV)**

**<sup>6</sup> For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *who were* men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD—to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, “a land flowing with milk and honey.”**

**Romans 2:6-9 (NKJV)**

**<sup>6</sup> who “will render to each one according to his deeds”:**

**<sup>7</sup> eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;**

**<sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,**

**<sup>9</sup> tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;**

*He will repay to every man according to his deeds, reward or punishment.*

**Acts 5:29 (NKJV)**

**<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.**

**1 Peter 1:14-17 (NKJV)**

**<sup>14</sup> as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance;**

**<sup>15</sup> but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,**

**<sup>16</sup> because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”**

**<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;**

*Since God is no respecter of persons He cannot be anything but infinitely impartial in His dealings with man. He cannot prefer one above another nor bless one above another when all meet the same terms and love Him with all the heart.*

*The seeming preference of God between two men is based upon the willingness and obedience of men toward God and His plan. Naturally God cannot bless two men the same when one is in obedience and the other in rebellion.*

*God will bless the ones who are willing and obedient. Here it is clear that all judgment of God will be according to every man’s work.*

**Matthew 16:27 (NKJV)**

**<sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.**