

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

**30 August 2020**

Text: Psalm 144

Title: "Blessed be the LORD my Rock"

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

##### 1. Blessing the LORD

- a) Learning from the Scriptures
- b) Practising praising the Lord diligently
- c) Applying this to the Church (Corporate Community)

##### 2. The Challenge

- a) To practise this whole-heartedly
- b) To progress significantly

### **A PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

(King David)

##### 1. Personal practise of Blessing the LORD

"Blessed be the LORD"                      Psalm 144:1a

##### 2. Personal Reasons:

- a) God's involvement in training  
"Who trains my hand for war  
And my fingers for battle"                      Psalm 144:1b
- b) God's protection acknowledged and appreciated    Psalm 144:2

##### 3. Personal experience of God

(Note the personal pronoun "my")

- a) As a Fortress
- b) As a high tower
- c) As a deliverer
- d) As a shield
- e) As a refuge

f) As One who subdues enemies

4. Personal and deep appreciation of the LORD's blessing in our life

a) He who has been forgiven much will love much

b) He who has been blessed much must also bless much

**BLESSING THE LORD WITH A NEW SONG**

1. There must be Appropriate Response

a) Appropriate response is very personal

b) Much depends on how deeply the heart has been touched

c) Much depends on how the individual will respond

i) Appreciation

ii) Maturity

iii) Gratitude

2. Inspiration to Create a new song

I will sing a new song to You, O God      Psalm 144:9

a) Composition of a new Psalm (song)

b) Composing music for the new song  
On a harp of ten strings

c) This is hard work

i) Time

ii) Words

iii) Music

iv) From commencement to completion

2. Dedicating the new song to the LORD totally

a) To the One who gives salvation

b) To the One who delivers His servant from a deadly sword  
Psalm 144:10

c) There is no exaltation of self at all

## CONCLUDING ON A NOTE OF PRAYER

### 1. Reality of Life

- a) Problems will never go away
- b) We need the Lord
  - i) His grace
  - ii) His mercy
  - iii) His power
  - iv) His protection
  - v) His blessings

### 2. Praying for deliverance again

Psalm 144:11

- a) Enemies will always be there
- b) Deliverance from God must be sought
  - i) Humbly
  - ii) Vigilantly

### 3. Praying for the next generation

Psalm 144:12

- a) That the sons may be plants grown up in their youth
- b) That the daughters may be pillars, sculptured in palace style
- c) Our Children are the most important:
  - i) Treasures
  - ii) Assets

### 4. Praying for God's provision

Psalm 144:13

- a) Barns may be full
- b) Sheep to multiply significantly
- c) Oxen well-laden
- d) This does not mean we are materialistic

e) It simply means that we are pragmatic and realistic

5. Praying that the people of God may be “happy” (blessed)

“Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD” Psalm 144:15

a) Much to rejoice in

b) Much to be grateful for

c) Much to impart and share with the next generation

## **CONCLUSION**

1. To bless the Lord

a) With our soul

b) With all that is within us

2. To bow in grateful acknowledgement that Man is unworthy of the Lord’s notice

a) What is man that You take knowledge of him?

b) Or the son of man that You are mindful of him? Psalm 144:3

c) Man is like a breath;  
His days are like a passing shadow Psalm 144:4