

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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“O THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

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As we come together each Sunday to worship God and sing songs of praises to Him, do we fully understand the meaning of the words we sing and apply them to our lives? One song that we sing which comes to mind is number 420 which says, “*O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing.*” In this song the word **EBENEZER** is found. Do we know what this word means?

We find this word in 1Samuel 7:12, Where God’s people were hard-pressed in danger of being delivered to the Philistines. The children of Israel at this time were worshipping idols, and Samuel told them to put away their foreign gods and turn to God and serve Him only and He will deliver them from the hands of the Philistines. So, after turning and serving Jehovah Samuel prayed for them and God delivered the Philistines into the hands of the children of Israel. Then the Bible records that Samuel, “*took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, thus far the Lord has helped us*” (1Samuel 7:12). The stone represented God’s help in delivering them from the Philistines.

In the second verse of our song it says, “*Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I’ve come.*” Do we give God the glory, honor, and praise in our lives, knowing all the many blessings of life He has given us? For example, God provides for us our daily bread (Matt. 6:11). Brethren, when we accomplish spiritual gain in our lives, do we have the attitude that I accomplished this all by myself. What does the Bible teach? Paul says, “*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase*” (1Cor. 3:6-7). We must always remember that when we accomplish these in our lives that God is on the other end giving the increase.

Also, this song speaks of God’s endless mercy, “*Streams of mercy, never ceasing.*” Even though the Israelites sinned against God, His love for them would never cease, forgiving them of their sins time after time. Friend, God’s love is also the same for us. He will also forgive us of our sins if we will pray to Him. Paul says, “*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to*

help in time of need” (Hebrews 4: 16). Brethren, if we pray and ask forgiveness and truly repent God will forgive us of our sins.

Finally, this song states, “*Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood.*” Paul says, “*But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him*” (Romans 5: 8-9). Ladies and Gentlemen, how wonderful it is to know we though were once lost, a stranger of God, lost in our sins; now through the blood of Christ we have been rescued from danger. **Have You Been Rescued By The Blood of Christ?**

Brethren, think about the specific blessings when we sing these great songs of praises to God. This is why it is important to understand the words of the song. Let us now meditate on the words of this song, so we can grasp the full blessings of the song.