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Ezra 8:22

Perhaps the title of today's devotion sounds like that of a self-help book promising fame, wealth, and prestige if you'll follow 10 easy steps. But when you consider how the culture defines the good things in life, you'll realize that God's definition doesn't quite match the world's—truly good things are achieved only by seeking Him. When we make God our top priority, we can expect His blessings of. . .

An intimate love relationship. Those who earnestly seek God learn to know Him deeply and experience an amazing sense of oneness with Him. Then He's no longer a distant deity but He becomes a close friend. As your commitment grows, you'll experience a love that transcends any human relationship.

Satisfaction. Only the Lord can fill the empty place in every heart. All earthly pursuits of pleasure or purpose fade in comparison to the satisfaction found in His presence.

Joy. When seeking the Lord is your priority, you'll find a new joy that circumstances cannot steal, since it's based in your relationship with Christ. Suffering and difficulties won't devastate you, because you'll trust Him and see the situation from His perspective.

God's help. As today's verse explains, the Lord's hand of favor is upon those who seek Him. In fact, He delights in coming to their aid and providing for their needs.

Are these the kind of good things you’re experiencing, or have worldly values sidetracked you? Your thoughts reveal your true priorities. If you can go all day without thinking of the Lord, you’re not earnestly seeking Him. But when He’s the delight of your life, you won’t be able to forget Him.

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