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Blessing the Lord

Study Guide

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Using this guide

Read the corresponding chapter, then work through the themes, arguments, and Scripture references.

Write your responses before discussing the questions with others. Use the application pages to identify a practical next step.

The study material is retained from the existing lecture study guides. Added writing prompts provide space for your own response.

Print at Actual Size / 100% on US Letter paper. Single-sided and double-sided printing are both suitable. Lessons begin on the next available page; no blank pages are inserted.

Reading assignments refer to the September 30, 2026 edition of the companion book. Online lecture links and QR codes are collected at the end.

LESSON 1

Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord

Part One of Four

February 01, 2012

Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 5-20.

Major Themes

The Nature of Blessing God

Blessing God involves praising Him with strong affection and gratitude, commanded as an imperative for the whole soul.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'when we bless God, we are praising Him with a strong sense of gratitude and with a strong affection for Him' and notes the imperative in Psalm 103:1.

God's Inherent vs. External Glory

God's essential glory is perfect and unchangeable, while His external glory is manifested in creation, redemption, and providence and can be affected by human response.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'Essential, inherent glory is that which God is in and of Himself. God's external glory is the emanation or the manifestation of His inherent or essential glory.'

The Danger of Forgetting God

Forgetting God and His benefits leads to ingratitude and idolatry, as seen in Israel's history and Romans 1:21.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'A forgetful people cannot be a thankful or a grateful people... and a forgetful people will always fall into idolatry.'

Complete Forgiveness of Sins

God forgives all iniquities - past, present, and future - through Christ's atonement, leaving none charged to the believer.

Lecture support: Weaver emphasizes, 'who forgiveth all thine iniquities... not some of them, not a few of them, not most of them, not many of them, but all of them.'

The Foundation of Praise: Pardon

The forgiveness of sins is the primary benefit that enables and motivates believers to bless the Lord.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Albert Barnes: 'Properly considered, this is the first thing which calls for praise, that God is a merciful God...'

God's Forgetfulness of Forgiven Sins

God not only forgives but also forgets our sins, removing them infinitely and never remembering them against us.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Hebrews 8:12: 'their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more.'

Key Arguments

We are more focused on receiving blessings than on blessing God, which can be idolatrous.

Weaver argues that our preoccupation with seeking God's blessings rather than blessing Him reflects a self-centeredness that violates the first commandment.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'I suspect that that attitude, when we're more interested in His blessing us than our blessing Him, would have shades of idolatry in it.'

Nothing can add to God's inherent glory, but we can praise or blaspheme His external glory.

Weaver distinguishes between God's unchangeable essential glory and His manifested glory, which is affected by human words and actions.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'nothing can be added to God and nothing can be taken away from God' regarding inherent glory, but external glory 'can either be praised or blasphemed.'

God's external glory is revealed in creation, redemption, and providence.

Weaver demonstrates from Scripture that God manifests His glory in the natural world, in Christ's redemptive work, and in His providential care.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'God manifested His glory in creation, in redemption, and in providence.'

Blessing God requires engaging the whole soul - every faculty and affection.

Weaver explains that David's command to his soul implies a comprehensive, wholehearted praise involving conscience, judgment, imagination, affections, and more.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes John Stevenson: 'Let your conscience bless the Lord by unvarying fidelity... Let your every sense bless Him by its fealty...'

Forgetting God's benefits leads to spiritual decline and idolatry.

Weaver argues that Israel's repeated sin of forgetting God resulted in idolatry, and the same pattern is seen in Romans 1:21.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Every time they forgot God, they ended up in idolatry.'

Forgiveness of all sins is the greatest benefit and the primary reason for blessing God.

Weaver contends that the pardon of all iniquities is the foundational mercy that should evoke continual praise.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'This is the first thing which calls for praise, that God is a merciful God...'

Christ's atonement covers all sins - past, present, and future - so none are imputed to believers.

Weaver explains that since Christ died for all sins, including those not yet committed, believers face no condemnation for sin at the judgment seat.

Lecture support: Weaver asks, 'How many sins had you committed before Jesus Christ came and was crucified...? None... Christ not only died for all past sins, but all future sins as well.'

God's forgiveness is continuous and complete, removing sins infinitely.

Weaver uses Psalm 103:12 and Hebrews 8:12 to show that God removes sins as far as east from west and forgets them entirely.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.'

Scripture References

Psalm 103:1-5

The primary text of the sermon, read at the beginning, focusing on blessing the Lord and not forgetting His benefits.

Psalm 16:2

Used to show that even Christ's work did not add to God's inherent glory but extended to the saints.

Psalm 108:5

Cited to emphasize God's exalted glory above the heavens.

Romans 1:20

Used to demonstrate that God's external glory is manifested in creation.

Psalm 19:1-3

Quoted to show that the heavens declare God's glory.

John 14:6

Mentioned as a well-known verse about Christ being the way to the Father, in the context of redemption revealing God's glory.

John 1:14

Cited to show that Christ's incarnation revealed God's glory.

1 Timothy 3:16

Quoted to affirm that God was manifest in the flesh.

Psalm 113:2-8

Read to illustrate God's external glory in providence and His condescension to behold things in heaven and earth.

Psalm 100:3-4

Used to show our obligation to bless God as His creatures and sheep, and to enter His courts with praise.

Revelation 4:11

Quoted to affirm God's worthiness to receive glory because He created all things.

Acts 17:28

Cited to emphasize that in God we live and move and have our being.

Psalms 50:23

Key verse: 'Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me,' used to define how we bless God.

Proverbs 18:10

Quoted to explain that God's name is a strong tower, representing His character.

Judges 8:34

Used to show Israel's sin of forgetting God who delivered them.

Deuteronomy 8:11

Referenced as a warning not to forget the Lord.

Psalms 106:7, 21

Cited to show Israel's forgetfulness of God's mercies and their resulting provocation.

Deuteronomy 6:12

Quoted as a warning not to forget the Lord who brought Israel out of Egypt.

Romans 1:21

Used to show that forgetting God leads to unthankfulness and idolatry.

Psalms 86:5

Quoted to affirm God's readiness to forgive and plenteous mercy.

Discussion Questions

- 1.** Why do you think we often focus more on asking God for blessings than on blessing Him?
How can we shift our focus?

Consider: Weaver suggests that our preoccupation with receiving blessings may reflect idolatry.

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- 2.** How does understanding the difference between God's inherent and external glory affect the way you worship?

Consider: Weaver explains that God's inherent glory cannot be added to, but His external glory can be praised or blasphemed.

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- 3.** In what practical ways can you 'bless the Lord with all that is within you' in your daily life?

Consider: Weaver quotes John Stevenson's detailed list of how each faculty can bless God.

4. What are some 'benefits' of God that you tend to forget, and how can you cultivate a habit of remembering them?

Consider: Weaver warns that forgetting God's benefits leads to ingratitude and idolatry.

5. How does the truth that God forgives all your iniquities - past, present, and future - impact your assurance and your motivation for holy living?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes the completeness of forgiveness and addresses the question of continuing in sin.

6. What does it mean to you personally that God has removed your sins 'as far as the east is from the west' and remembers them no more?

Consider: Weaver uses Psalm 103:12 and Hebrews 8:12 to illustrate the totality of forgiveness.

7. How can the reality of complete forgiveness lead you to a life of continual praise and blessing of the Lord?

Consider: Weaver concludes that understanding forgiveness should result in wholehearted blessing of God.

Applications

Examine your focus: Are you more interested in God's blessings than in blessing God?

Weaver challenges believers to consider whether their prayers and desires are self-centered, which can be a form of idolatry.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'I suspect that that attitude... would have shades of idolatry in it.'

Praise God for who He is, not just for what He does.

Weaver emphasizes that we should bless God simply because He is God, apart from His benefits.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'You had better praise God and bless God that God is God.'

Engage your whole being in worship.

Weaver urges believers to involve every faculty - mind, will, emotions, memory - in blessing the Lord.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Stevenson: 'Let your conscience bless the Lord... Let your every sense bless Him...'

Cultivate gratitude by remembering God's benefits.

Weaver warns against forgetfulness and encourages intentional remembrance of God's mercies to foster thankfulness.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'A forgetful people cannot be a thankful or a grateful people.'

Rest in the completeness of God's forgiveness.

Weaver assures believers that all sins - past, present, future - are forgiven through Christ, and none are imputed to them.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'He forgiveth all thine iniquities... not some of them... but all of them.'

Let forgiveness motivate holiness, not license.

Weaver clarifies that full forgiveness should lead to grateful obedience, not careless sinning.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'The very fact that you've been saved and forgiven should drive you not to sin.'

Bless the Lord continually for His pardoning grace.

Weaver concludes that the primary response to forgiveness should be ongoing praise and blessing of God.

Lecture support: Weaver prays, 'We do bless Thee, O Lord, and may we constantly and continually bless Thee for that divine forgiveness.'

Study notes

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

LESSON 2

Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord

Part Two of Four

February 01, 2012

Read Chapter 2 in the companion book, pages 21-36.

Major Themes

God as the Source of All Healing

All healing, whether through medical means or direct divine intervention, originates from God and should lead to praise.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'All healing is from God. Therefore, that is sufficient grounds to praise Him and bless Him.'

The Relationship Between Sin and Sickness

Sickness can be a direct result of personal sin or disobedience, and spiritual healing must precede physical healing in such cases.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'If our sickness is related to sin, unless that sin is dealt with, the sickness is not going to be healed.'

Human Frailty and the Reality of Sickness

Sickness is a natural part of human existence due to our mortal, fallen nature, and does not always indicate a lack of faith or specific sin.

Lecture support: Weaver notes, 'We are weak creatures. And do you realize the day we were born, we started dying.'

The Sovereignty of God in Sickness

God may sovereignly allow or cause sickness for His glory, as seen in the man born blind in John 9.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.'

Praise as the Proper Response to Healing

Believers are called to bless the Lord for both spiritual forgiveness and physical healing, recognizing His benefits.

Lecture support: Weaver concludes, 'We can praise Him not only for forgiveness of sins, but for healing all our diseases.'

Key Arguments

The phrase 'who healeth all thy diseases' includes physical healing

Weaver argues that the Hebrew word for 'diseases' consistently refers to real physical sickness in Scripture, and David's own experiences support a physical application.

Lecture support: Weaver points to Deuteronomy 29:22, Jeremiah 14:18, and Psalms 6, 38, and 41 where David describes physical ailments.

God normally uses means to heal

While God can heal directly, He most often works through medical means, as illustrated by Hezekiah's healing with a fig poultice.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Isaiah 38:21 and the principle from Genesis 3:19 and 2 Thessalonians 3:10 that God normally works through means.

Spiritual root of sickness must be addressed first

If sickness is caused by sin, medical treatment alone is insufficient; repentance and forgiveness are necessary for healing.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'If our sickness has a spiritual root, no amount of medicine is going to correct that spiritual sin.'

Sickness can come from Satan, sin, self, or God's sovereignty

Weaver categorizes the sources of sickness to help believers understand and respond appropriately to illness.

Lecture support: Weaver provides biblical examples: the woman bound by Satan (Luke 13), sin (Romans 5:12), human frailty (Psalm 103:14-16), and the man born blind (John 9).

It is not God's will to heal every time

Weaver argues that if God healed every time, no one would die, but death is the result of sin; ultimate healing comes in the resurrection.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'It is not God's will to heal every time, because if He did, no one would ever die.'

Scripture References

Psalm 103:1-5

The main text of the sermon, focusing on verse 3.

Psalm 16:2

Cited to show that even Christ's obedience did not add to God's essential glory.

Psalm 108:5

Quoted to emphasize God's exalted glory.

Deuteronomy 28:20-22

Used to show that diseases can be curses for disobedience.

Leviticus 26:16

Another passage showing diseases as punishment for disobedience.

Deuteronomy 29:22

Shows the same Hebrew word for 'diseases' used for physical sickness.

Jeremiah 14:18

Another use of the Hebrew word for 'diseases' in a physical context.

Jeremiah 16:4

Reference to 'diseased deaths' using the same Hebrew word.

Psalm 6:1-3

David's plea for healing, showing his physical affliction.

Psalm 38:4-8

David describes physical suffering due to his sin.

Psalm 41:8

David's enemies speak of his fatal disease.

Isaiah 38:21

Example of mediate healing: Hezekiah healed with a fig poultice.

Luke 8:41-48

Example of immediate healing: the woman with the issue of blood.

Genesis 3:19

Cited to show that God normally works through means (work for food).

2 Thessalonians 3:10

Reinforces the principle of working for sustenance.

Jeremiah 8:22

Question about the balm in Gilead and physicians, affirming the use of medical means.

Colossians 4:14

Mentions Luke, the beloved physician, as a companion of Paul.

Matthew 9:12

Jesus acknowledges the need for physicians for the sick.

James 5:13-16

Instructions for the sick to call elders and pray, emphasizing spiritual healing.

Luke 13:11-16

Woman bound by Satan for 18 years, showing sickness from demonic attack.

Study notes

Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding that all healing comes from God change the way we respond to both minor and major illnesses?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes that all healing is from God, whether through means or directly.

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2. In what ways can we discern whether a sickness might have a spiritual root, and how should we respond if it does?

Consider: Weaver discusses the connection between sin and sickness and the need for repentance.

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3. How do we balance seeking medical help with trusting God for healing, especially when healing does not come?

Consider: Weaver presents the tension between using means and seeking God first.

4. What comfort can we find in the fact that God knows our frame and remembers we are dust?

Consider: Weaver cites Psalm 103:13-16 to highlight God's compassion for our frailty.

5. How can we praise God in the midst of chronic illness or when healing does not occur?

Consider: Weaver encourages praise for every good day and even in sickness.

Applications

Praise God for all healing

Believers should actively bless the Lord for every instance of healing, recognizing it as a benefit from God.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'All healing is from God. Therefore, that is sufficient grounds to praise Him and bless Him.'

Seek God first in sickness

Before turning to medical help, believers should pray and examine their lives for any unconfessed sin that may be causing the illness.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'We should seek Christ first with our physical problems.'

Discern the source of sickness

Believers should consider whether their sickness may be from Satan, sin, natural frailty, or God's sovereignty, and respond accordingly.

Lecture support: Weaver outlines four sources of sickness and says, 'I believe it would be a great help for us if we would try to discern the source of our sickness.'

Repent of sin that causes sickness

If sickness is linked to personal sin, repentance and faith are the necessary first steps toward healing.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'There are a lot of sicknesses... that could be cured with a good dose of repentance and faith.'

Trust God's sovereignty in unhealed sickness

Believers should trust that God may have a purpose in allowing sickness, even when healing does not come, and look forward to ultimate healing in the resurrection.

Lecture support: Weaver points to the man born blind in John 9 and says, 'It is not God's will to heal every time.'

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

LESSON 3

Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord

Part Three of Four

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Read Chapter 3 in the companion book, pages 37-55.

Major Themes

God as Kinsman-Redeemer

God is our goel who redeems us from destruction, avenges our enemies, buys us back from slavery, and restores us to Himself.

Lecture support: Weaver explains the Hebrew word goel and its roles in Deuteronomy 19, Leviticus 25, and Ruth, then applies it to Christ's redemption.

Divine Protection from Unseen Dangers

God sovereignly protects believers from pits, snares, and moral pitfalls, often without their awareness.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Psalms 7, 9, 35 about pits dug by the wicked, and shares personal stories of being kept from sin and accidents.

The Greater Gift Argument

If God gave His greatest gift - His Son - He will certainly give lesser gifts of deliverance and provision.

Lecture support: Weaver connects Romans 8:32 and Hebrews 2:14-15 to argue that deliverance from death implies deliverance from lesser enemies.

Crowning with Lovingkindness

God not only rescues but lavishes believers with abundant blessings, crowning them with mercy and grace.

Lecture support: Weaver uses the illustration of being fed and then given pie and ice cream, and quotes John Gill on being surrounded with benefits.

Duty to Bless the Lord

Because of God's manifold deliverances and blessings, believers are obligated to praise and thank Him continually.

Lecture support: Weaver opens with Psalm 103:1-5 and 2 Thessalonians 2:13 on being 'bound' to give thanks, and closes with a call to bless the Lord.

Key Arguments

Redemption involves a ransom price

The biblical concept of redemption always includes a cost; Christ paid the ultimate price to buy us back from sin and destruction.

Lecture support: Weaver defines lutroo, agorazo, and ex-agorazo, and uses Hosea's purchase of Gomer as a picture of Christ's redemptive work.

Destruction encompasses more than physical death

The 'pit' and 'destruction' include traps set by the wicked, moral corruption, and spiritual ruin, from which God delivers.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Proverbs 22:14 and 23:27 on the 'strange woman' as a deep pit, and Psalms showing the wicked falling into their own traps.

God's deliverance is often unrecognized

Many of God's protections occur without our knowledge, and we should thank Him even for unseen interventions.

Lecture support: Weaver tells of being delayed and later seeing a wreck, and the near-miss with the train, acknowledging God's hidden hand.

Christ's first coming was for deliverance from enemies

Zacharias' prophecy in Luke 1 shows that Jesus came to save us from our enemies so we might serve God without fear.

Lecture support: Weaver reads Luke 1:67-75, emphasizing verses 71 and 74 about being saved from enemies and serving in holiness.

Believers are conquerors, not victims

In Christ, Christians have victory over all enemies and should not live in despair or discouragement.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Romans 8:37 ('more than conquerors') and argues that God has appointed us to victory, not defeat.

Scripture References

Psalms 103:1-5

The main text of the series, calling the soul to bless the Lord for His benefits.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

We are bound (opheilo) to give thanks, indicating our duty to praise God.

Psalms 16:2

Christ's goodness does not add to God's essential perfection, illustrating internal vs. external glory.

Deuteronomy 19:1-13

The avenger of blood (kinsman-redeemer) and cities of refuge for accidental killers.

Leviticus 25:47-49

The kinsman-redeemer could redeem a relative sold into slavery.

Leviticus 25:25

The kinsman-redeemer could redeem property sold by a poor relative.

Ruth 2:20

Boaz as a near kinsman who redeems Naomi and Ruth from destitution.

Hosea 1:2-9; 3:1-3

Hosea's marriage to Gomer and her redemption pictures God's love and Christ's redemption.

Psalms 7:14-15

The wicked dig a pit and fall into it themselves; God delivers the righteous.

Psalms 9:15

The heathen are sunk in the pit they made; their own foot is taken in their net.

Psalms 35:7

Without cause they hid a net and dug a pit for David's soul.

Proverbs 22:14

The mouth of strange women is a deep pit; he that is abhorred of the Lord shall fall therein.

Proverbs 23:27

A whore is a deep ditch; a strange woman is a narrow pit.

Psalms 28:1

David cries to the Lord not to be silent lest he become like those who go down to the pit.

Psalms 30:3, 9

God brought up his soul from the grave; what profit if he goes down to the pit?

Job 33:18, 24, 28, 30

God keeps back the soul from the pit and delivers from going down to the pit.

Psalms 40:1-2

God brought David up out of a horrible pit and set his feet on a rock.

2 Corinthians 1:10

God delivered us from so great a death, does deliver, and will yet deliver us.

Romans 8:32

He who spared not His own Son will freely give us all things.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Christ took on flesh to destroy the devil and deliver those subject to bondage through fear of death.

Study notes

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways have you experienced God's protection without being aware of it at the time?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes that God often delivers us from dangers we never see.

2. How does understanding Christ as our Kinsman-Redeemer change the way we view our struggles and enemies?

Consider: The sermon explains the goel's roles in avenging, redeeming, and restoring.

3. Why is it significant that God not only redeems us but also 'crowns' us with lovingkindness?

Consider: Weaver contrasts mere rescue with being lavished with honor and blessings.

4. How can we cultivate a habit of praising God for both known and unknown deliverances?

Consider: The sermon calls for blessing the Lord and not forgetting His benefits.

5. What 'pits' or 'traps' has God delivered you from morally or spiritually?

Consider: Weaver discusses the 'strange woman' as a pit and shares personal testimonies of moral protection.

Applications

Acknowledge God's unseen protection

Recognize that many deliverances occur without our knowledge and thank God for His sovereign care.

Lecture support: Weaver shares personal stories of being kept from sin and accidents, and urges repentance for failing to thank God.

Trust God for lesser deliverances

Since God gave His Son, trust Him for daily protection and provision, and pray for deliverance in all areas.

Lecture support: Weaver argues from Romans 8:32 and Hebrews 2:14-15 that God will not withhold smaller mercies.

Live as conquerors, not victims

Reject despair and discouragement by embracing our identity as more than conquerors in Christ.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Romans 8:37 and Luke 1:71-74 to show we are delivered from enemies to serve without fear.

Praise God for crowning mercies

Regularly bless the Lord for the abundant, undeserved blessings He pours out beyond mere rescue.

Lecture support: Weaver uses the illustration of being fed and then given dessert, and quotes John Trapp on being surrounded by benefits.

Study notes

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

LESSON 4

Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord

Part Four of Four

February 01, 2012

Read Chapter 4 in the companion book, pages 57-72.

Major Themes

God's Providence

God's sovereign care governs all things, but He exercises a special providence for His people, satisfying them with good things and renewing their strength.

Lecture support: Weaver reads from the Philadelphia Confession and cites Acts 14:17, Psalm 103:5, and Isaiah 40:31 to show God's providential care.

Special Care for God's People

Just as believers are commanded to care especially for their own household, God gives particular attention to His church, His own house.

Lecture support: Weaver uses Galatians 6:10, 1 Timothy 5:8, and Hebrews 3:6 to argue that Christ will not neglect His own house.

Satisfaction in God Alone

True satisfaction comes only from God, who gives richly all things to enjoy. Worldly pursuits cannot satisfy the soul.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Ecclesiastes, 1 Timothy 6:17, and Spurgeon to emphasize that only God satisfies the soul.

Renewal of Strength

God renews the strength of His people like the eagle's youth, enabling them to serve Him vigorously even in old age.

Lecture support: Weaver explains Psalm 103:5 and Isaiah 40:31, using the eagle's molting as an illustration of God's renewing work.

Continual Praise as a Duty

Believers are duty-bound to bless the Lord continually, offering the sacrifice of praise through Jesus Christ for all His benefits.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Hebrews 13:15 and Psalm 50:23, urging constant thanksgiving for God's provision, protection, and providence.

Key Arguments

God's providence is all-encompassing yet particular

While God's providence extends to all creatures, He exercises a special, particular care for His church, ensuring all things work for their good.

Lecture support: Weaver reads from the Philadelphia Confession paragraph 7 and cites Galatians 6:10 and 1 Timothy 5:8 to show the principle of special care.

Satisfaction is a gift from God, not from worldly possessions

The ability to enjoy one's labor, home, and life is a blessing from God; the world cannot provide true satisfaction.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Ecclesiastes 2:24, 3:13, 5:18, and 1 Timothy 6:17, and shares an anecdote about an unsatisfied unsaved man.

God's providence is a witness to His faithfulness

Every good thing, from rain to fruitful seasons, is a witness to God's sovereign providence and should lead to praise.

Lecture support: Weaver expounds Acts 14:17, emphasizing that God left not Himself without witness through His good gifts.

The eagle illustration signifies God's renewing power

The renewal of youth like the eagle's refers to God's ability to refresh and strengthen His people, not a literal physical rejuvenation.

Lecture support: Weaver discusses the molting process of eagles and cites Matthew Henry and John Gill on Isaiah 40:31.

Believers must offer continual praise

Under the new covenant, believers are to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually through Christ, recognizing all they have is by grace.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Hebrews 13:15 and 1 Corinthians 15:10, urging constant thanksgiving.

Scripture References

Psalms 103:1-5

The main text of the sermon series, focusing on verse 5 for God's providence.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

We are bound (indebted) to thank God.

Psalms 16:2-3

God's goodness extends to the saints, though He needs nothing.

Deuteronomy 6:23

God brought Israel out to bring them in, not to abandon them.

Hebrews 13:5

God has promised never to leave or forsake us.

Ephesians 3:20

God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think.

Galatians 6:10

Do good to all, especially to the household of faith.

Matthew 5:45

God sends rain and sun on the just and unjust alike.

Psalms 78:51-52

God showed special care for Israel in Egypt and the wilderness.

Luke 18:7

God will avenge His own elect who cry to Him.

1 Timothy 5:8

If anyone does not provide for his own, he has denied the faith.

Hebrews 3:6

Christ is over His own house, whose house we are.

Proverbs 15:29

The Lord is far from the wicked but hears the prayer of the righteous.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

It is from the hand of God for a man to enjoy good in his labor.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Enjoying the good of one's labor is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:18

It is good to enjoy the good of one's labor; it is his portion from God.

Isaiah 65:22

God's elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

1 Timothy 6:17

God gives us richly all things to enjoy; trust in Him, not riches.

Isaiah 55:1-2

Come, buy and eat without money; delight your soul in fatness.

Psalms 36:8

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house.

Study notes

Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding God's special providence for His people change the way you view daily blessings and trials?

Consider: Weaver emphasized that God's providence is particularly for His church, ensuring all things work for their good.

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2. In what ways have you experienced God's satisfaction in your life, and how has that led you to praise Him?

Consider: The sermon focused on God satisfying our mouths with good things, leading to praise.

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3. Why is it difficult for the world to find true satisfaction, and how can believers demonstrate the satisfaction found in Christ?

Consider: Weaver contrasted the world's inability to be satisfied with the believer's satisfaction in God.

4. How does the image of the eagle renewing its youth encourage you in times of spiritual weariness or old age?

Consider: Weaver explained the eagle illustration as God's renewal of strength for His people.

5. What practical steps can you take to offer the 'sacrifice of praise' continually, as commanded in Hebrews 13:15?

Consider: The application urged continual praise through Christ for all God's benefits.

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

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Lesson 1: Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord - Part One of Four

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Lesson 2: Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord - Part Two of Four

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Lesson 3: Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord - Part Three of Four

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Lesson 4: Pastor John Weaver - Blessing the Lord - Part Four of Four

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