

THE PERFECTION OF GOD DEFINED...

Wonderful, Merciful, Savior

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In this message Bertie Brits explains the passages in the Bible that state, we need to be perfect as God is perfect. It may sound like a very difficult task. What is this perfection all about? How do we define the holiness of God and how do we see this awesome glory, this almost, like we would say a Light Shining, good God. How do we declare that? How do we get that right? Who is this holy God? That's what we are going to talk about today.

I'm in a series where I talk about the resurrection but I thought it not good to continue with that series for this program because this message is really pressing on my heart and I want to share this. For those of you that follow me on Facebook, you will see that I already mentioned some of the things on my message page and preached short messages about what I am going to say here today. You are going to hear some of the things again but I know this is going to bless you greatly. It is something that is practical that you can share with people as they are going through difficult times. As we understand the holiness, the righteousness, the goodness of God and if we understand how perfect He is, our hearts will go to rest even in the midst of difficult times, or in the midst of our shortcomings, knowing that His perfection will always overcome our shortcomings.

I want to start off by reading a passage from the fourth chapter of Romans and I am going to show you how God was good to people who didn't believe in Him and how He was good to people who worshipped false gods. They didn't pray to Him. They didn't believe in Him. They had nothing to do with Him. They were worshipping idols. We are going to look at how good God is to idol worshipping people. So many times in Christianity we have this idea that God is sitting in heaven and He is just looking at who is making a mistake in how they pray or how they worship God and whenever there is a sin, whenever there is a shortcoming, there is a consequence or a punishment that God releases from heaven. With that in mind, when we go through difficult times in this world, we can easily think that God is testing us or God is purifying us. I want to say to you that hard times is not God's method where He draws His people to Him. The Bible says that it is the goodness and the forbearance of God that leads us to repentance. Hard times is not the key. Hard times does not do the work of the Holy Spirit! God had not invented hard times so that He can draw His people to them through those hard times as if the drawing power of His love and His goodness and His forbearance is too weak.

When we come to God because we are afraid of not being blessed, when we come to God and we do all the right things because we are scared that we are going to lose our prosperity, our health, or good things that we already have or we think we are going to miss out on good things we can have if we follow all these principles and just say things right all the time, we are still not walking in what God has dreamed for us.

That is why God, and this is how I see it in my heart, would not regard repentance because of fear or repentance because you want God to do good things to you in this world. In other words maybe you are in need of a car and now you think that God has broken your old car and now He can give you another car again if you repent of your sin That kind of repentance is not a repentance that I believe God has in mind for us. The repentance that God has in mind for us is a change of mind on who we really are and who He really is as well as on how to how to be saved. That is what it is all about. The goodness of God leads people to repentance and we need to have that in our mind.

Today we are going to talk about that goodness that God has towards sinners. We are going to see that that goodness of God that He has toward sinners is actually His perfection. That is what we are going to see. Every time you think of God as a perfect God you will just see Him as a God that is good to you in the area of your shortcomings. That is very important to have a peaceful, Christian life where you don't walk in fear every day. Amen I want to start off by laying a foundation and showing you that the scripture says that we cannot be saved by our works. Today's teaching is not going to be an in-depth, theological teaching but rather a simple teaching about the love and the goodness of God that can make you feel love. It will also be a message that will cause you to understand and have the ability to easily explain the goodness of God to other people when you are going through a difficult time.

Romans 4:

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he has whereof to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

4 Now to him that works is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that works not, but believes on him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

6 Even as David also described the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputes righteousness without works,

7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

I would like to explain the background here. Paul comes and uses Abraham, which was, back then, believing in idols... Idol Worshipping Abram. God sees that Idol Worshipping Abram, who was not circumcised, he did not have any law by where he had to please God or anything like that, that was sacrificing to idols, that was following the Chaldean Law and the Chaldean System of that time. He saw that Abraham and that Abram could not have children and from a heart of compassion, He came to Abram and said, "I will bless you. I will make you a great nation. I will bless you, Abraham. Just believe Me. Move away from where you are and go to a land that I will show you!" That is what Abram did.

Back then he was Abram but what did he do? Did he do any law to qualify to be blessed? No! God came to him and promised an idol worshipping man that He would bless him. In other words, Abram qualified to be blessed even while he was still worshipping idols. That means that God was not looking at Abram and at what he did and from there decided to make him a promise. The promise God made Abram was not that He would bless him if he should do certain things. God's promise was simply, "I will do this."

I want to ask you, "If somebody makes you a promise, whose obligation is it to fulfill the promise? Is it the one to whom the promise is made or is it the promise maker's job to fulfill what he has promised?" Obviously it is the one who made the promise.

So in Romans we see that God promised Abram and it says that Abraham was justified but not by works. It says, "Did Abraham, our father, receive what he received by doing right things and then God looking at him saying, 'Well, he doesn't have sin and because he has confessed all of his sin and because he doesn't have sin, therefore I can bless him.'" No, that was not the case. Was Abram part of the Jewish nation back then? No, the Jewish nation didn't even exist. It started from his loins. That is where it started. Abraham wasn't circumcised. He wasn't under the law. There was nothing good that Abram did. It says that Abram was justified. Otherwise, he was blessed in having Isaac. He was blessed in God granting him that life that God promised him and actually bringing it forth in his life. He was blessed in that. He was given that. How? It says that Abram cannot boast in his works. It says that if he boasts in his works, he cannot boast before God because the Scripture says that Abraham only believed God and then God did what He promised. That is all!

So many times we think that Abram was this perfect man. Abraham was not a perfect man. Abraham had shortcomings. He was also afraid and had fear and had normal things in his life like we have but God came and blessed him.

It says in **verse 8: *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.***

In other words, Blessed is the man that God will take his sin and his death away and actually give him eternal life and clean him up... for free! Blessed is that man!

I want to ask you, the Bible says that Jesus is our Savior and that you shall call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sin. What shall we do? Should we try to clean ourselves up so that God can bless us? No! All we should do is to believe Him and He will clean our lives up. He will bring forth compassion and kindness and generosity and love for people. He will clean up your mouth. He will clean up your thoughts. So many times we preach the thing the wrong way around. We have not seen salvation as God saving me from sin and death. We have not seen it like that. The greatest thing we have done in the Charismatic church in defining salvation is saying that God will save my wallet and He is going to save me from sickness and disease and He is going to save my wallet. In other words, I'm not going to be sick. I'm not going to be in a car accident and I'm going to have a stack of money. That is how we have defined salvation which is not the truth. The Bible clearly says, and I know some might be offended by hearing this, but the Bible says, "Look at how many poor people (poor financially) are rich in faith." So how can you be rich in true faith and poor financially? It doesn't make sense but here the Scripture clearly states that.

So God comes and He brings forth a life that is greater than the definition we just traditionally had of being saved in my body in the sense of never becoming sick, my kids are always protected, I'm never going to be in a car accident and I'm going to have a load of money! Then a lot of, especially in our Charismatic Pentecostal churches, salvation was put on going to heaven and having a lot of money and never being sick. That is what it was all about but we haven't defined salvation the way it is supposed to be defined. We are saved from one life and He gives us another life as well as then saving our bodies from death, giving us eternal life where the end goal is not heaven but where the end goal is a glorified earth and a glorified body.

I want to get back to the point I am trying to make here. If God promises eternal life, He promises to clean you up. He promises to bring forth holiness in you, how can we ever think that we should repent from our sins so that God can save us? If salvation is to be saved from your sins, how can the definition of repentance be to repent from your sins so that God can save you. What we have done is we have defined salvation mainly in heaven and hell. If you accept Jesus today, you will be saved and the concept is that you will now go to heaven one day. But when Paul preached salvation what he had in mind was to be saved from death as Jesus was saved from death in being raised from the dead and having a glorified body. With that in mind, Paul concludes that everything that leads to death has also been conquered, which is sin, therefore it is the work of the cross and the work of the Holy Spirit to save you from your sins. The true definition of repentance would be to repent from the system whereby you think you must be saved by your works. And where you must save yourself from hatred and anger and not loving your neighbor by trying to obey a law. You cannot save yourself from sin. Neither can you repent from your sins in order to be saved one day. No, you repent from your wrong belief and God comes and He saves you. That's what we see with Abram.

God comes to Abram and He promised him that he would continue to live and not die when he and Sarah just dies but that his lineage would continue and not just end there. That was also how the people of that day believed that that is how they continue to live. To them that was their eternal life. We know that is not how the Bible defines eternal life but that is what they saw. Abraham thought that he was just going to die and that would be the end of him but God said, "I will make you a great nation!" And God did it. What did Abraham do? Did he follow the law to get that? No. Did he repent from different sins in order for God to make that true? No, he just believed God!

Many times it is difficult for us to believe God because when we just believe God and we stand away from the law, we are actually at a place where we can do nothing about the end of our life. We can do nothing about hope. There's nothing we can do. We can just trust God. So many times we would say, "Listen, I don't care what I have to do even if I have to repent on a daily basis, even if I have to give money on a regular basis, even if we have to pray three times a day. I don't care! Even if I must visit the poor and help. I will do anything I can do so that God can forgive me and bless me." The moment you say, "I don't care what I must do so that God can forgive me and bless me", you are actually saying, "I don't trust Him just to bless me. I want to make sure that I can push Him into a corner so that He can bless me."

I've heard many people say, "God will not be indebted to us and he who gives to the poor, lends to God. God will be no man's debtor and He's going to pay back tenfold to make sure you give a lot of money to the poor. If you now give a lot of money to the poor then God is indebted to you and now He has to pay you back... with interest... and bless you! Examples would be used like with Peter. He said, "Lend me your boat." Peter lent Him the boat and He preached from the shore to the people and then it is being said that because He borrowed Peter's boat therefore He will not be indebted to any man and that is why, just after that He gave him a shipload of fish. He was paying the debt back. By believing things like that, we are actually not believing that God can just bless us. We believe that there are principles and we are actually believing in our own ability and now we are using and abusing God to get to the end goal and so creating our own life by our own works and using God to perform the supernatural which we cannot perform. I hope you are hearing what I am saying.

God comes to a pagan, idol worshiping man, and He promises him, before he has stopped any sin, before he has done anything right... and He blessed him!

We will look at **Acts 14**, another instance where the Scripture clearly states that God has blessed people without believing in God but believing in other gods. I'm not saying that we can be saved without believing in Jesus! I'm trying to explain to you the perfection of God and how good He is even to those who are sinning... even to His enemies, those who are against Him. We need to know that when Jesus Christ died, He died for everybody in the world. He didn't just die for the Jews. We need to understand that. When Jesus died upon the cross, the Jews made up a very, very small part of the world's population. So, when God gave His Son, He loved the world! I would say that 99.9999% of the people on the planet, to whom God gave His Son, were worshiping idols, praying to tree stumps, praying to the sun and the moon and the stars, sacrificing their children, praying to animals, believing in reincarnation, living in all the filth of idol worship... In the midst of them believing all those bad things, He gave His Son!

The Bible says that if He gave us His Son, how much more, with Him, will He not give us all things? So, He gave us His Son. How much in giving His Son were not manifest the fullness of His blessings towards us? This He did while the majority, the greatest percentage of people, that He did this for were worshiping idols. They were busy worshiping the goddess Diana, worshiping her in having orgies at the temple... and He gave His Son for those people! He loved them!

As we look at traditional understanding of Christianity, it is if you have sin in your life then God cannot bless you. If there is sin in the camp, then God cannot bless you until the sin is confessed. After the sin is confessed, then the doors are open and God can now bless you. Then if you have sinned again, then you've closed the door and you've opened another door. It's almost as if we have this Ministry of Doors... opening and closing doors! Then we want to go in the heavens, opening and closing doors. It's almost like we want to go to heaven to open and close doors.... just very weird things that doesn't make sense in simple, family logic, the logic that there is between a Father and His children, a Father who loves His children. Amen

So with that in mind, God who gave His Son to people who were believing in false gods, we will read from Acts 14 where Paul and Barnabas preached to a group of people in Lystra. As they preached to them a miracle took place. Paul prayed and a paralytic was healed. When he was healed, the people said, "Oh, the gods have now come and dwelt in human form among us. Let us sacrifice to them." Then they tried to sacrifice to Paul and Peter.

:12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

They come and say, "These two men are these gods that are now walking among us!" They clearly did not understand the message.

Then Peter said,

:14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of this, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

:15 And saying, Sirs, why are you these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that you should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

:16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

He is saying that in the passed times, he suffered in that people walked in their own ways. In other words, in times passed, the different nations and different people worshipped all their gods and now we have come to preach to you not to worship the false gods anymore but to worship the only true God.

Now listen to this:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 (Although this was taking place) **Nevertheless he left not himself without witness**

In other words he is saying, "Although you are worshipping all these gods that aren't gods and they have no power, I didn't leave myself without a witness of how good I am towards you while you are living as sinners, as the worshippers of false gods.

Listen to what God did in His blessing towards these people. **Nevertheless he left not himself without witness that, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.**

Paul is saying that while these people were sinners, God gave rain from heaven. While these people weren't believing, God gave rain from heaven. He blessed them with physical rain from heaven which is a type and a shadow of the true rain which is Jesus who would come from heaven and save us from our sin and our death. He was saying, "I still love you. I was still for you. I was working out My plan with Jesus. I came in the fullness of time but while you were doing all those things God still gave witness to how good He is and He gave rain to idol worshipping people. I want to stretch this point. Those who watch this on television, I want you to hear my heart. That means that if you are in a drought, it can never be God taking away the water to get your attention. It can never be! That would be God removing His very own witness. He is giving rain. He is giving that which is good while people are bad.

One might say, "You know, those times of old have gone and now we are in the New Testament and now God wants people to repent and now, if you don't repent, then you are going to have a drought." Is God going to change? The Bible says that with Him there is no shadow of turning. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. I want you to know that every scripture you read in the Bible must find its interpretation and final conclusion in the manifestation of the Word. In other words, every scripture you read truly and correctly interpreted should it become flesh and walk among us, it will have to be exactly who and what Jesus was and how He lived and what His death and resurrection implied. In other words, if you come and you say that God will bring a drought or that your sins causes God to withdraw His hand from you and now there is a drought. If you say that sin causes God to distantiate Himself from you, then I will ask you, "Make that flesh. Put that inside a human body and let's see how that looks."

In the human body that would mean if my son does not obey me then I am going to take his water away so he doesn't have water to drink until he is so thirsty that he is about to die. Then I will have the only water there is and then he will come to me and I will give him water, only when he repents! If he says, "I want water!" he gets nothing. He must first show sorrow and he must repent! Can you see how the theory put into flesh doesn't look like the body of Jesus when He walked on the earth?

When you preach a message, always make it flesh. Put it in a practical explanation with a practical example of a human being living on the earth and practicing that principle which you believe in, which you get from the Old Testament or wherever you get it. If that person's life doesn't measure up to the life that Jesus lived on the earth, your interpretation of that scripture is wrong and you are not bringing forth the Word that God tried to communicate inside that Scripture in the Old Testament.

We must understand that the fullness of the Law, the Law in its full manifestation, the Law's end goal, that where the Law leads, is grace. That which the Law was talking about all the time is Jesus which freely gives us righteousness and justifies us with the very life of God! Amen

According to Romans 4, true faith is if you can believe that God can justify the ungodly. Unless you can believe that God justifies the ungodly, you are not walking according to the faith that Abraham had and the faith that God wanted to kindle in us by giving Jesus. When He gave His Son, Jesus, what must we make of it--- God can bless sinners! What does God bless sinners with? He blesses us with a holy life and He blesses us with righteousness as a free gift and He blesses us with eternal life. He blesses us with a seat in the Godhead. He blesses us with a mind like His. He blesses us with holiness and righteousness and peace and kindness and goodness and generosity. He blesses us with His very own life and saves us from death! He saves us from what destroys us. Amen! We think we need to stop what destroys us so that God can save us from hell. In the meantime, it doesn't work that way. The way it works is God has come to stop what destroys us. It is His doing. We can just believe Him.

There are people who ask, "Why is it like that?" I'm not pointing a finger but it says, "How can there ever be order without a Law?" My question is, "How can there ever be order by the Law? How can there ever be order without God by His power bringing forth holiness in people free from their influence on it where it is purely the Almighty God creating a brand new life in us?" That's my question.

I want to tell you that no person, by his own ability, can ever obey the Law. Neither does God empower us to obey the Law. God does not empower us to obey the Law! God has come and He gives us a brand new life which is not a life that obeys the Law but a life that the Law has nothing against. There's a big difference! I am not trying to obey Laws in the Koran but you will find, that in my life, if you look at how I live, that in many instances, you will find the Koran has nothing against my life style because the Koran also says that we should love and we should be good, and all those things but I am not empowered to obey that book if you hear what I am saying from a Christian perspective. I am simply having a brand new life that comes from God and that is what God has promised us.

We see that God has come to bless. Who is He good to? He's blessed people with rain who did not believe on Him and who were idol worshippers. So we cannot come today and think that if we are in an area where it is very dry, that if we just confess our sin and stop our sin, that God will then send rain again. No! God has not changed. He will never change. We are simply living in a time when there is drought in this area or the area where you are in. It can be floods or it can be hurricanes or it can be whatever.

I find people who live in an area where there are many earthquakes and when an earthquake comes then they say that God is punishing you. It's like living in Malmesbury, where I live, and when it becomes 45-46 C, which is 113-114 F, and we say, "God, why are You trying to punish us?" It has always been hot here in February. That's the way it is. You can live in areas where there are hurricanes and it comes past that place. That's how it is. If you live in the Caribbean, you will find winds and storms. It's common there. It is not God punishing. Jesus is the Word of God... not weather! Let me say that again. Jesus is God's word about your holiness, about your righteousness, about who you are... and not the weather. God is never going to make the weather His word. An immortal man, above sin, above death, is your hope, is the message about you, is the truth about you. The Bible says that when we behold the glory of God, we are beholding as in a mirror. In other words, when we behold the perfection of God, it shines forth in our lives. When we see Him, we see who we are, because as He is so we are.

Remember, we have this idea that if it doesn't rain because of sin, is it true? No, it is not true because God gave rain to idol worshipping people even in the Old. How much more in the New if I want to talk legalistic language? If under the Old, He was so good, how much more under the new? Amen!

Luke 6: 27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you

Imagine God has enemies, people who hate Him. What would He do to them? He would do good to them because here Jesus says things that we have to do towards people. Now do you think that He would say that if He was not willing to do that Himself?

If we read Luke, it is not actually trying to tell us what to do but it is actually trying to reveal to us who God is. He is now taking the message of who God is and making it flesh, putting it in the human form where we can understand exactly who and what God would be in normal circumstances. Listen to this:

Luke 6:

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smites thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that takes away your cloak forbid not to take your coat also.

30 Give to every man that asks of thee; and of him that takes away your goods ask them not again.

31 And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise.

32 For if you love them which love you, what thank have you? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if you do good to them which do good to you, what thank have you? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom you hope to receive, what thank have you? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest:

That is just the way God was saying, "If you can do all these things, that would be what My offspring look like because that is what I am." That is what He was saying. Why? **"...for he is kind to the unthankful and to the evil.**

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your heavenly Father also is merciful.

And the next word, and I am not going to go further, it says, **37 Judge not... Alleluia!**

So when it comes to drought in your area or things of nature, or a car that breaks, it's like my one friend said, "I had the most terrible week ever! My worker took my car. He has no license and he rolled the pick-up truck and it was totaled. Then the well on my property dried up." Then there was something very bad that happened that he didn't even want to say what it was. Then he backed up with his car and drove over the dog and the dog died. Now, he can go to God and say, "God, what are You trying to tell me?" God has now dried up the well. God has taken my car and killed my dog... and some other thing that God did. Now God is getting his attention and he can say, "Oh, God....." No! The scripture doesn't say that. Or he can go and say, "God, what sin is in my life that all these things are happening?" **By just asking that is an insult to the very character and testimony, the witness of God!** For God was witnessing who He was, even in the Old, by blessing the idol worshipping people with physical rain from heaven showing to them that He is always good that they can have a mindset that God is good. Then when they would realize that their gods are all false gods and not true gods, then they will ask all the good that God has given to us means it was this God, the God of the Jews that is actually the true God and He was blessing us while we were doing all those things! Wow! He is so good! It leads me to repentance, to repent of what I think about God and what I think about myself. He gives me a brand new life!" .

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your heavenly Father also is merciful. What will God do to His enemies? He will be good to them. What will God do to those who hate Him? He will be good to them! What will God do to those who will curse Him according to verse 28? He will bless them! What will He do to those who spitefully use Him? He will pray for them! He will be there for them. If you smite God on the one side of His cheek, what will He do? He will give you the other. If you pull out His beard, He will say nothing. Why? Because He is merciful!

So I want to say to you, "A drought can never be any indication of God withdrawing His hand from you... in any form or fashion! Neither can any nature catastrophe, neither can any bomb come to your nation or anything like that, can ever be like that! Our God does not change! He is loving and He has always been loving! Amen

What is beautiful here is it says **Be ye therefore merciful, as your heavenly Father also is merciful.**

I am going to read one more verse and explain the perfection of God from Matthew 5. Everything mounts up to this verse: It is the very same account of the teaching of Jesus but spoken through Matthew.

Matthew 5

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: Why? for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, That means that you are not going to find spots of darkness on evil people as they have just committed a sin. As they commit the sin the light over them suddenly just goes out! No, the sun still shines on them. If people have just stolen something from a shop and he walks out, it is not as if there is going to be a darkness over him. He is walking in darkness and everybody can say, "Oh, look at him." No, the physical sun shines on everyone and that is a sign of God's heart towards everyone. Then it goes on it says, **and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Then I want to say that if there is drought, it comes to everyone. We have a drought in Capetown! If you are people that love Jesus and there is a drought, is that now all of a sudden an indication of their righteousness or their sin? No, it's just an indication that there hasn't been rain for awhile. That's all! If there was a flood in your area, it's not an indication of God's anger. It's an indication that a lot of rain fell and it was too much for that valley or the pipes to handle. That is the only indication it is. The Word says that the rain falls on the just and the unjust. That means that we can never say that rain has a voice that if it does not rain that God is angry because it says that the goodness of God is always declared to all, if you have sin or not. God's goodness is towards you, if you have sin or not! Amen! Glory to God!

46 For if you love them which love you, what reward have you? do not even the publicans do the same?

47 And if you salute (greet) your brethren only, what do you more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Luke didn't say, *PERFECT*, he said, *MERCIFUL*! Matthew comes and says, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Luke comes and says, "Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful." So the perfection of God is defined in His mercy and not in punishing sin, not in bringing you through a hard time but in how merciful He is! What makes our God the perfect God to have is the fact that He is merciful, that He is good! Amen!

So, I want to say to you, "If you go through a hard time, never let hard times or be it a good thing you go through or a bad thing that you go through, never let it be an indication of how right you've lived. When something very good happens and you want to look at works, look at your works and say, "Well, I've done all these bad things and look at how I am still blessed! If it goes very bad with you, look at all the good things you have done and say, "Well, I've done all these good and I am still seeing bad things so that means that my works is no indicator, and has no bearing, on who I am and what I am and that is not what gets God to bless me or not bless me.

I tell you that I live in a place called Malmesbury and we are going through a severe drought here in the Western Cape. I am preaching the Gospel as I have preached it when it was raining. Nothing has changed. When all the rain and blessings fell on me, it was not an indication of the right things I have done. While I was doing wrong things, the rain fell and now today I am preaching this message, loving on people, doing it for free, begging no money. It's just from a pure heart wanting to get the truth to people, loving people with all my heart, and it is very dry now. That means that works has anything at all to do with any of these things, at all!. Glory to God! We are simply living in a physical world where this nature is also suffering.

I wanted to read another scripture but we have run out of time but I am just going to quote it. It's in ***Romans 8:18-25***.

It says that creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God so that creation can be saved from the corruption or the decay that is in this nature. It says that creation groans. It is suffering and we are suffering with this creation but we patiently wait for the manifestation that only God can bring forth in us to save us from this death in our bodies and to save our bodies. When that takes place, nature will also be saved. When you go through a drought, have compassion on nature saying, "We are seeing the effects of what happened from Adam. It is not, all of a sudden, God removing His hand. When nature suffers, when we suffer and all those kind of things, we have a God who we believe is a merciful God that is good. He will come when we call upon Him and He brings rain and He manifests the signs, wonders and miracles of what will take place in His return and He gives us rain. Glory to God!

I want to say to you that you are deeply loved by God. Never let your works, be it good works or bad works, never let the things that happen in your life ever be an indication of how right you have lived and that God now approves of you. The good things that happen to you is because God is good and not because you have done good. Amen! The bad things that happen in this world is simply because it is a broken world. It is not because God is punishing! Alleluia!

I would like to pray for you. Father, I thank You that I can stretch forth my hands and pray for people who are hearing this. I declare them blessed. I declare them accepted. In the midst of difficult times or blessed times, can always have You as the indicator of how loved they are. Glory to God!