



"The entrance of Thy words
giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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**Being
a Blessing
in 2018**

1 Pet 3:8-9; 2 Pet 1:3

"...Be ye all...
a blessing... according
as... He hath called us to
glory and virtue."

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ALL LIGHTHOUSE BBC WORKS RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FATHERS PRESENT IN THE SERVICES TODAY

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers
have set" (Prov 22:28).

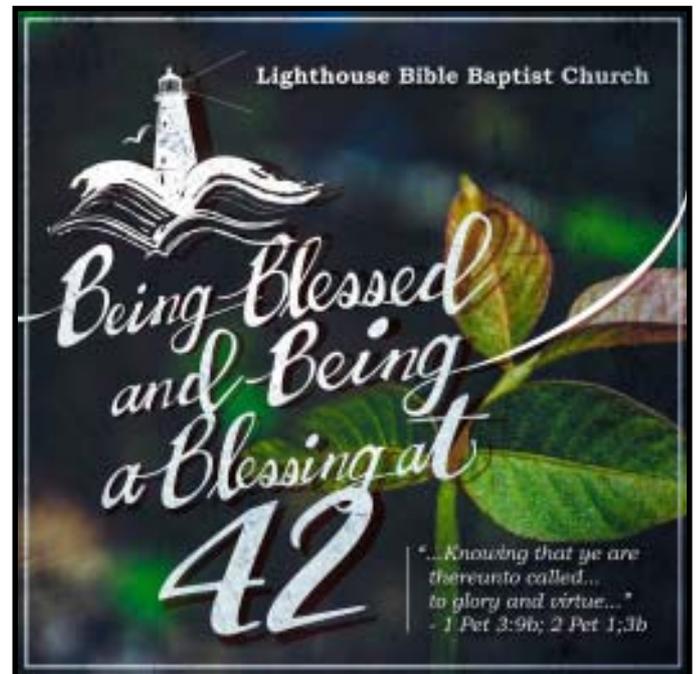
"Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the
fields of the fatherless" (Prov 23:10).

Today, in all Lighthouse BBC works around the country and abroad, we shall be recognizing and honoring all the fathers present in our services and lift them up to the Lord. As we do, we take the Word of God and find what truth the Lord has in store for us and for our earthly fathers.

The verses above indicate to all of us the value of fathers.

Notice that fathers set landmarks. The word landmark here means border, boundary, limit or territory. And there is a lot more meaning to the term than just the physical sense which we normally refer to.

The more intangible landmarks we need to appreciate include the landmarks in respect to morals, values, including the excellent things. The Apostle Paul is one father of faith which set a landmark in Phil 4:8-9 when he said, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."



The Household of Aquila and Priscilla (HAP), the lead adult fellowship in Lighthouse BBC is seen in this picture doing their final number last Sunday night.

Second Quarter Focus :

Being Equipped to be a Blessing

"... the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man ... that ye may excel to the edifying of the church..." (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12).

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

**TITLE : THE DAY OF THE LORD AND THE
CONSOLATION OF BELIEVERS ON THE
DAY OF THE LORD**
TEXT : 2 THES 2:1-17

INTRODUCTION

In our study of the Chapter 1 of this book, we learned that the Apostle Paul mainly wrote the Epistle to encourage the Thessalonian believers concerning the “persecutions and tribulations that ye endure” (1:4) and how they “may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God for which ye suffer.”

Chapter 2 of this Epistle deals with the error apparently introduced by some to the Thessalonian believers that the day of the Lord had come because of the kind of persecution and tribulations they were going through as cited in vs 2-3 where Paul says, “...be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition...”

A) Facts about “the day of the Lord” (vs 1-3).

1) The term “the day of Christ” (more properly translation, the day of the Lord) used by Paul in this passage should have a reference to the coming Great Tribulation period.. This is quite obvious as the very reason of the writing of the epistle is all about the persecution and tribulations that they endure. The term does

not refer to the future millennial reign of the Lord Jesus.

Note that there seems to have been someone in Thessalonica who had subverted Paul’s teachings about the rapture (see 1 Thes 4:13-18) and the day of the Lord. It appears that the Thessalonian church had become uncertain as to the whether the day of the Lord might already be at hand. It was then necessary for Paul to remind them of what he had taught them and to provide further truth about these great events.

2) The term “falling away” (v3) is commonly transliterated as “the apostasy” and by the term, is assumed to apply to the final great and world-wide apostasy (see 1 Tim 4:1-3; 2 Tim 3:1-5; 4:3,4).

While this may be true, and indeed, we realize in our midst today an even greater apostasy in our day, we need to see this in another light.

Nowhere in the whole of 1 and 2 Thessalonians does Paul talk about an “apostasy” or “departure from the faith” although reference is made to the “son of perdition” who will oppose and exalt himself.

What we appreciate from Paul’s specific epistle is this: that he intends to be very definitive that they are not yet in the “day of the Lord.”

The term “falling away” is derived from 2 Greek words “apo” (away from) and “stasi” (standing). It thus should properly be rendered “standing away” instead of “falling away.”

In 1 Thess, Paul made no reference to a coming departure from the faith, but he discussed at length a coming “departure from

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the earth by all believers, when Christ returns to meet them in the air (1 Thes 4:13-18) - which, is a picture of a “standing away from” and very specifically, Paul teaches that this rapture must happen first before the great tribulation.

3) The term “man of sin...son of perdition” (v3) is a reference to the AntiChrist. The first name refers to his character, while the second speaks of his origin.

According to v3, his identity will only be revealed after the rapture has taken place.

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Some scenes during the presentation of the Household of Aquila and Priscilla (HAP) last Sunday night. The fellowship group illustrated through some real life testimony how God’s children may continue to be a blessing no matter what circumstances come their way.

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