

A Great Day in the Kingdom – March 18, 2022

Years ago I was Blessed to have an Associate Pastor with a consistent reaction in all circumstances. He was a fine man. Picture if you will an old fashioned West Texas preacher. The first time he had to give me some bad news about a member's health situation, he followed the news with, "Praise God".

The first time I heard him say this, it sounded incongruent, illogical, irreverent, discourteous, obtuse, callous and even sarcastic. After his consistent habit of praising God became the norm, it occurred to me that he was following our Holy Scripture. Bob was praising God in all circumstances and situations. Sounds a little strange, doesn't it?

After years of working together, Bob came into my office one morning and told me that he had been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Treatment began and Bob would praise God. His health began to suffer and he would praise God. Bob even shared with me that he was sad to know that he would not be performing his Granddaughters' weddings, and immediately stated, "Praise God."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Rejoice always, continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Bob was not out of touch or delusional. He was the living letter Paul wrote to the Churches in Thessalonica. This Blessing of a pastor lived it to the very beginning. What would our world look like if we learned to Praise God, in all things? Well, won't that be Heaven?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we pray for your will, through Christ Our Savior. Give us the strength to Praise You, in all circumstances. Help us to see this world through an Eternal Lens. Help us to inspire others to do the same. We humbly ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.