

**BLESSING GOD, #2,
Ephesians 1:3**

“BLESSED (1st) BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HATH BLESSED (2nd) US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST”-Ephesians 1:3.

Note: References to being “in Christ” are found in the following passages in Ephesians, chapter one: 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, & 20.

A reminder:

1. The first “blessed” is eulogetos, and is never used with reference to man. It is used to refer to God only! Paul, in this verse is showing Christians the obligation they have to direct praise and adoration to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon them!

2. The second “blessed” is eulogesa, and is used by Paul to refer to the blessings God has conferred upon Christians to distinguish them with favor and happiness!

LET'S START AGAIN TONIGHT WITH OT REFERENCES!

Reading & comments from Psalm 136

1. The first 3 verses of this chapter begins by admonishing the reader to “*Give thanks to the Lord,*” and ends the same way in verse 26.

2. The “in-between verses” give the reasons thanks should be given to the Lord!

3. The reader needs to see that every verse in this chapter ends with the statement, “*For his mercy endureth forever!*”

4. The ASV translates, “*For his lovingkindness endureth forever!*”

5. The size of the huge bedstead of king Og, of Bashan is worthy of comment!

It is said to be 9 cubits long by 4 cubits wide-see Deuteronomy 3:11.

Taking the cubits to be 18 inches, his bedstead was 13 and one half feet long, and 6 feet wide!

We get the distinct impression that king Og was a huge man!

6. Thought question: How many figurative “giants” has God removed from you life?

a. Hatred- I John 3:11-17

b. Jealousy-I John 3:12; Genesis 4:4-8

c. Stealing-Ephesians 4:28

d. Lying-Ephesians 4:25; Acts 5:1:11

e. Lustful thoughts-Matthew 5:28 & 29;

Genesis 39:6-12

f. Anger-Ephesians 4:26.

“Be ye angry, and sin not”-KJV.

“If you’re angry; do not sin”-BLE.

“In your anger; do not sin”-NIV.

“Be angry and do not sin”-ESV.

Brethren, remember that we're discussing the issue of how many figurative giants God has removed from our life!

A. Sometimes anger becomes, "The Christian killer!" Think about this point!

How many marriages finally end because a mate (sometimes its both mates) repeatedly becomes angry and says and does things contrary to God's will? Sometimes verbal beatings are worse than physical ones!

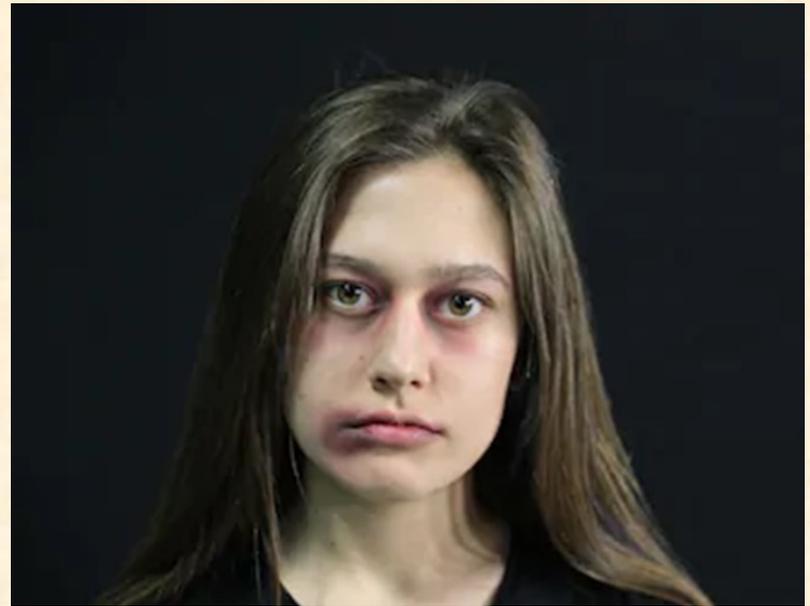
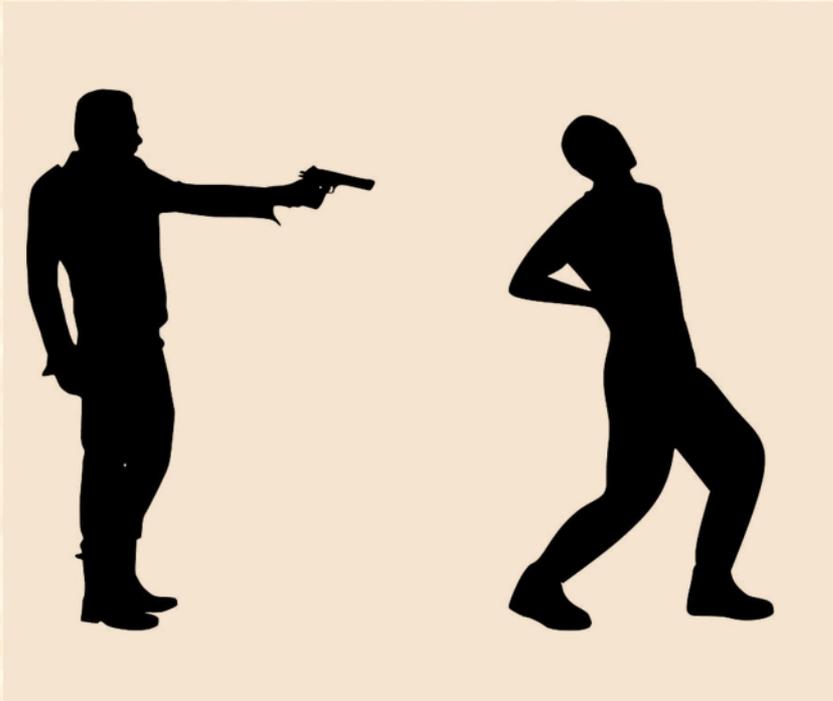
How many wives have been beaten physically because the husband was angry?

How many wonderful friendships have ended because of anger?

How many family relationships have ended because of anger?

How many good jobs have been lost because of anger?

How many killings have occurred because of anger?



Brethren, we need to understand WE CAN KEEP FROM SINNING WHEN WE ARE ANGRY!!

WHEN ARE CHRISTIANS GOING TO LEARN THAT WE CAN DO WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF US?

Sometimes, God's name is blasphemed among the world because of a Christian's anger not being controlled!

Consider Paul's teaching in Romans 2:24.

“For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.”

Apparently some Christians make no effort to control their temper!! SHAME ON THEM!!

B. Brethren, with God's help we need to become, “The Anger Killer!”

CLOSE:

Are we, as Christians, praising and thanking God for the many, many blessings He has poured out upon us?

*“For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me”-
Psalms 40:12.*

“Many, O Lord my God, are thy works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would dare speak of them, they are more than can be numbered”-Psalms 40:5.