

## Daily devotional, July 15, 2021, Blessed are Those who are Act out of Love

***Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.  
Psalm 89:15 (NIV)***

Have you ever met someone who looks like they have it all together, and who is kind to everyone they come in contact with? Those are people who never seem to be in a bad mood. They seem to always have something positive to say, and usually we would see them treat the janitor with as much respect as they would the CEO.

Yes, those types of people do exist, even in the world that we live in today. We most likely will not find them speaking out on a social media soapbox, or at a rally of some sort; but we would find them out in our community, helping others. We would likely find them going about their business, not being oblivious to what is going on around them, but offering kind words, helping others to see a bigger picture, and always spreading infectious positivity all around them.

The psalmist says to us, blessed are those who have learned to acclaim the Lord. More often than not, when we think of offering acclaim, we think in terms of those who speak on behalf of the Lord, those who speak blessings to others, and who are constantly telling us how we should act before God. We often see or think of pastors, potentially as those who acclaim the Lord. I tend, however, to disagree. It isn't always those speaking the "word of the Lord" in church, who I see out in the public eye, acclaiming the Lord. Instead, I see those who help in the background, who aren't the loud voices, but the still quiet workers, those who don't complain but keep things positive, those who seek to offer all that they can out of love for others. It is in these special people that I truly see that the Lord is acclaimed.

The Lord is acclaimed in the actions of His people, those who seek to do all they can in love. Those who hear the call to: "Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

We truly are called to proclaim the Lord's presence and goodness, but we must also know that our proclamation isn't in words alone, but in our actions; the way we treat others, in the way we treat our neighbor.

Let us move forward in life, sharing God's blessings in deed, in word, and in everything that will let others know that we are walking in the light of the Lord.

***Prayer: Lord, we pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it's not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others and to show them kindness. Lord thank you that your love is patient. Help us to show patience with those around us. In the Name of Christ Jesus, Amen.***