GOD HAS BLESSED AMERICA
The One Jesus Loved - Part 2

Today's Scriptures

Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not resort to sorcery as at other times, but turned his face toward the desert. When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came upon him and he uttered his oracle:

"The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one whose eye sees clearly, the oracle of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:

"How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!

"Like valleys they spread out, like gardens beside a river, like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters. Water will flow from their buckets; their seed will have abundant water.

"Their king will be greater than Agag; their kingdom will be exalted.

"God brought them out of Egypt; they have the strength of a wild ox. They devour hostile nations and break their bones in pieces; with their arrows they pierce them. Like a lion they crouch and lie down, like a lioness--who dares to rouse them? May those who bless you be blessed and those who curse you be cursed!" Numbers 24:1-9 (NIV)

Message Notes

1. **SEEK THE _____ _____ AS THIS NATION HAS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST.**

2. **SEIZE THE MOMENT TO REFLECT ON WHAT WE ARE _____ TO BE BUT OFTEN AREN'T.**

   How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel! Like valleys they spread out, like gardens beside a river, like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters. Water will flow from their buckets; their seed will have abundant water. Numbers 24:5-7a (NIV)

   "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit… John 7:38-39a (NIV)

3. **CRY OUT FOR SPIRITUAL _____ IN THE LAND.**

   …and he uttered his oracle: "The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one whose eye sees clearly, the oracle of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened." Numbers 24:3-4 (NIV)

   "God brought them out of Egypt." Numbers 24:8a (NIV)

4. **CONSIDER THAT OUR BEING BLESSED OR CURSED IS REALLY ____ ____ ____.**

"May those who bless you be blessed and those who curse you be cursed!"
Numbers 24:9b (NIV)

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