《天路导向》 双语讲义

藉我赐恩福(12) BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING – Part 12

SECTION A 甲部

- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好,
- What a joy it is to know that you are following this series of messages, "Blessed to be a Blessing."
 (很高兴知道你坚持在听《藉我赐恩福》这个系列资讯。
- 3. I want to begin by asking you a question. 首先让我问你一个问题,
- 4. Have you ever dealt with anyone who was having an identity crisis? 你曾否和一些不知道自己是谁的人相处过?
- 5. If you have, then you understand the depth of sadness in such situations.
 如果你有这样的经验,必定明白陷入这景况的人多么悲哀。
- 6. If you have ever been in a situation where you found yourself suffering from an identity crisis, 如果你曾经陷入不知自己身份的痛苦中,
- 7. you understand how confusing that can be. 你就知道那是多么迷茫。
- 8. Outwardly, everything may look alright; 外表看不出什么,
- 9. but, inwardly, you feel insecure and unsure. 但你心中感到不安全,没有把握。
- 10. There were times in my youth when I was going through my own identity crisis. 当我年轻时,也经历过不确定自己身份的危机。
- 11. Someone once said 有人说过,
- 12. millions of people are desperately seeking for their missing identity.
 有上百万的人都在迫切地寻找自己失落的身份。
- 13. For those of you joining us for the first time, 如果你是第一次收听我们的节目,

- 14. we are in the middle of a series of messages called "Blessed to be a Blessing;" 我们正在讲《藉我赐恩福》这个系列资讯,
- 15. and, today, in I Peter, Chapter 2, verses 4 to 12, 今天我们要看,彼得前书第二章 4-12 节。
- 16. Peter shows us how God's blessings should define our identity. 彼得教导我们,因著神所赐的福,决定了我们的身份;
- 17. Out of His goodness and blessings, God gave us our identity. 出於神的善良和赐福,我们才有了明确的身份。
- 18. My listening friends, listen very carefully to what I'm going to tell you. 亲爱的朋友,请仔细听我说。
- 19. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, 如果你是基督徒,
- 20. if you follow Him every day, 如果你天天跟随主,
- 21. then you should not have an identity crisis. 你不应该有身份失落的危机。
- 22. If you understand the blessings you have in Jesus Christ, 如果你明白你在耶稣基督里所得到的福气,
- 23. these blessings ought to define your identity; 这些福气让你有明确的身份。
- 24. and that's exactly what Peter is saying in this passage: 这正是彼得在这段经文里所说的,
- 25. that out of God's goodness, 因著神的善良,
- 26. out of God's mercy, 因著神的怜悯,
- 27. out of God's grace, 因著神的恩慈,
- 28. out of God's abundance, 因著神的丰盛,
- 29. we are given our identity. 我们有了明确的身份。

- 30. Believers have no reason to flounder in the Christian life. 信徒不应该为了自己是基督徒的身份而感到混乱迷茫,
- 31. There are some people who see their identity in their family name.
 有些人从家世和出身来定自己的身份,
- 32. Some men see their identity in their jobs, 有些人从职业来定身份,
- 33. or their titles, 或靠他们的职位,
- 34. or their achievements. 或靠他们的成就。
- 35. Some wives see their identities in their husbands.
 有些妇女靠丈夫定自己的身份,
- 36. Some children are happy to identify with their parents.
 有些孩子乐於随从父母的身份。
- 37. Peter is telling us here that our true identity as believers in Jesus Christ 彼得告诉我们,身为基督徒的真实身份,
- 38. comes from what Jesus did for us and what He did with us. 是靠著耶稣为我们成就的,以及祂与我们一起作的事。
- 39. Why? 为什么?
- 40. Because we were nothing and He made us everything. 因为我们原本一文不值,祂使我们成为贵 重。
- 41. In I Peter 2:4 says, "As you come to Him..." 彼得前书二章五节说:你们来到主面前。
- 42. What does he mean by that? 他是什么意思?
- 43. Before you come to Christ, you were nobody as far as Heaven was concerned. 当你归向基督之前,你在天上是毫无地位的。
- 44. As far as justice in the courts of Heaven was concerned, you were dead in sin. 按照天上法庭公正的判断,你是死在罪恶过犯之中的。

- 45. Before you came to Jesus, you were worse than nobody.
 在你归向耶稣之前,你连无名小卒都算不上。
- 46. Before you came to Jesus, you had no spiritual identity to speak of. 在你归向耶稣之前,你根本没有任何属灵的身份,
- 47. You live and then you die and that's the end of it. 你活了一辈子就死了,这就是你的人生。
- 48. Peter goes on to say that we were dead stones 彼得接著说,我们就好像一块没有生命的石头,
- 49. and, then, Jesus, the Living Stone, quickened us and made us precious living stones. 但主耶稣是活石,祂赐生命,唤醒我们,使我们也成为宝贵的活石。
- 50. Peter uses a lot of figurative language here and you have to use your imagination. 彼得在这里使用了很多形象化的比喻,你需要运用你的想像力来理解。
- 51. Peter gives us 6 characteristics of our identity as believers.彼得提出基督徒身份的六种特质,
- 52. Let's look at them. 让我们一一来看。
- 53. Number one, we are living and precious stones. 第一,我们是宝贵的活石;
- 54. Secondly, we are a chosen people. 第二,我们是被拣选的族类;
- 55. Thirdly, we are royal priesthood. 第三,我们是有君尊的祭司;
- 56. Fourthly, we are a holy nation. 第四,我们是圣洁的国度;
- 57. Fifthly, we are God's own possession, God's own people; 第五,我们是属於神自己的子民;
- 58. and number six, we are mere tourists in this world. 第六,我们在这世界只是客旅。
- 59. We will look at these one by one. 我们一项一项来看:
- 60. First, believers are living and precious stones. 第一,基督徒是宝贵的活石。

- 61. The only reason believers in Christ are called precious stones 基督徒之所以被称为宝贵的活石,唯一的理由就是,
- 62. is because Christ Himself is the cornerstone. 因为耶稣基督自己就是房角石。
- 63. Peter sees believers or the church as a magnificent building, 在彼得眼中,基督徒或者教会,就好像一座宏伟的建筑物,
- 64. a spiritual building. 一栋属灵的房子。
- 65. Peter is saying that believers are a far more magnificent building than any building anywhere.
 彼得说,基督徒成为一座建筑物,比世上任何地方的建筑更宏伟。
- 66. In ancient times, the whole building was as good as its foundation stone.
 古时候,整栋房子最重要的就是基石,
- 67. The whole building stands or falls on the strength of its cornerstone. 房角石稳固,房子就能坚立,否则房子就会倒塌。
- 68. The cornerstone was always laid at the intersection of the corner, 房角石就是房角的第一块石头,
- 69. and the other foundation stones were placed along side of it; 其他的基石是顺著房角石安放的。
- 70. and, as the building goes up, 当房子往上盖时,
- 71. every stone in that building was placed in relationship to the cornerstone. 每一块石头都和房角石相连相关。
- 72. Did you notice that Peter did not say that we are made of bricks?
 你有没有注意到,彼得并不是说我们是砖头。
- 73. Why? 为什么?
- 74. Because bricks are all look-alike. 因为每块砖头都是一样的,
- 75. Bricks have the same dimensions. 每块砖头有同样的体积,
- 76. Bricks have the same shape, 每块砖头有同样的形状。

- 77. and the reason Peter does not say we are bricks 彼得不把我们比作砖头还有一个原因,
- 78. is because God does not mass-produce His children, 是因为,神的儿女并非工厂成批大量制造出来的。
- 79. nor does He expect us to perform the same tasks.
 神并没有要求我们都做同样的工作,
- 80. He has given us different measures of faith. 袖赐给我们不同份量的信心,
- 82. and, therefore, what God expects from me is not necessarily what He expects from you, 所以神对我的期望,和对你的期望,不一定相同,
- 83. as long as we both are faithful; 只要我们都忠心服侍祂。
- 84. and that is why Peter calls us "stones," 所以彼得称我们为石头,
- 85. because each stone is different from the other. 因为每一块石头都不相同,
- 86. Each stone is distinguished from the other. 每一块石头都是独特的。
- 87. Spiritually speaking, 从属灵的意义上来讲,
- 88. sometimes, the Master Builder will have to smooth some rough edges of a given stone. 有时候总工程师要磨平某块石头的棱角,
- 89. Sometimes, the Master Builder has to chisel some bulges in a given stone.
 有时候总工程师要凿开某块石头多馀的部份,
- 90. Sometimes, the Master Builder has to chip away at the jagged edges of a given stone, 有时候总工程师要削掉某块石头的尖角,
- 91. and all of this can be painful sometimes. 这些都是痛苦的经历。
- 92. My listening friends, please listen to me carefully. 亲爱的朋友,请留心听我说。
- 93. Because this can be painful, some believers stay away from the building, 就因为有痛苦,於是有些基督徒就远离这座建筑物,

- 94. and that is why some believers don't want to get too close to the other believers. 所以有些基督徒疏远其他基督徒,
- 95. That is why some believers don't want to be an active part of a church.

 所以有些基督徒不愿意积极参与教会,
- 96. That is why some believers refuse to fit in their rightful place in the service, in the body of Christ.

 所以有些基督徒拒绝参与在基督身体里应有的侍奉。
- 97. Of course, that's the height of selfishness. 当然这是极度自私的,
- 98. Why? 为什么?
- 99. Because their absence is like a missing stone in a building which, of course, creates a draft. 因为他们的缺席,这栋房子就少了一块石头,而形成漏风口;

SECTION B 乙部

1. Their absence makes the building less efficient. 他们的缺席,减低了房子的功能;

- 2. Their absence keep the building from being as effective as it could be, 他们的缺席,使这栋房子不能发挥应该有的功效。
- 3. but when all the stones are there, working and serving the purpose of God, 然而,当每块石头都尽自己的本分,为服事神而努力,
- 4. God's blessings will fall upon it. 神就会赐福。
- 5. Let me ask you a few questions. 让我问你几个问题:
- 6. Are you a good, precious, living stone? 你是不是一块美好宝贵的活石?
- 7. Are you a living stone who is willing to be placed where the Master Builder wants to place you, 你是一块活石,情愿照总工程师的意思安置吗?
- 8. or do you run away all the time? 或者你总是在逃避?

- 9. Are you a living stone who has surrendered to the Master Builder's shaping, 你是一块活石,情愿照总工程师的意思被雕琢吗?
- 10. or do you please yourself all the time? 或者你只顾自己的喜好?
- 11. Are you a living stone who is in your place of service, 你是一块放在侍奉岗位上的活石吗?
- 12. or are you carelessly letting others bear your load in the building? 或者你疏忽自己的责任,让别人来承担?
- 13. Are you that precious living stone? 你是那块宝贵的活石吗?
- 14. Because that's where your identity is. 因为这就是你的身份,
- 15. There are some believers who mistakenly think that, if they just receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord, then that's all they need to do; 有些基督徒误以为,只要接受耶稣基督为救主就够了,
- 16. but they are wrong. 他们错了。
- 17. Believers have responsibilities to the Master Builder to be a living stone in His building. 基督徒有责任成为总工程师所建造的房屋里的一块活石,
- 18. You have responsibility to the cornerstone, the Lord, Jesus Christ. 你要向房角石耶稣基督负责,
- 19. You also have responsibility to the other living stones to stand with them. 你也对其他的活石有责任,要和他们并肩而立。
- 20. You stand with them with all of their weaknesses.他们虽有弱点,你与他们并立;
- 21. You stand with them with all of their faults. 他们虽有错误,你与他们并立;
- 22. You stand with them with all of their inadequacies;他们虽有缺欠,你与他们并立。
- 23. but, my listening friends, I want to tell you something else.
 但亲爱的朋友,让我告诉你,
- 24. You are not a perfect cut either. 你也不是完美无瑕疵的。

- 25. First, our identity is that we are precious living stones.
 - 第一,我们的身份是宝贵的活石。
- 26. Our second identity is that we are a chosen race. 我们第二个身份是,被拣选的族类。
- 27. This was a term that was used to describe Israel in the Old Testament.
 在旧约里,用这个名称来形容以色列民,
- 28. Now, the Apostle Peter, who lived and walked with Jesus for 3 and 1/3 of a year, 现在,使徒彼得跟随了耶稣三年半的时间,
- 29. lifts out this description of Israel in the Old Testament 他从旧约里,把这个形容以色列民的名称提出来,
- 30. and applies it to the church of Jesus Christ, 用在耶稣基督的教会身上,
- 31. which is now the new Israel of God. 也就是属於神的新以色列民。
- 32. Why did God choose Israel in the Old Testament?在旧约时代,神为什么拣选以色列民呢?
- 33. Not because they were [a] great civilization. 并不是因为他们有了不起的文化,
- 34. There were civilizations that were far more advanced.其实他们的文明还差远了。
- 35. Not because they were obedient people. 也不是因为他们是顺从的百姓,
- 36. Just ask Moses. They gave him plenty of trouble. 只要问问摩西,就知道百姓给他添多少麻烦。
- 37. Not because they had superior intelligence. 也不是因为他们有超越的知识,
- 38. There were far more intelligent people at the time. 当时有很多知识比他们更发达的民族。
- 39. Not because of anything in them. 完全不是因为他们有什么好的条件,
- 40. God chose Israel because of His sovereign will. 神拣选以色列是出於神至高的主权,
- 41. That is the only reason. 这是唯一的理由。

- 43. God is not accountable to you and to me. 神不需要向你我交代祂所做的。
- 44. The sooner we understand this, the sooner we become obedient and effective for the kingdom of God.
 只要我们明白这点,就能在神的国里顺服并发挥功效。
- 45. When the Israelites rejected God's cornerstone, 当以色列人拒绝神的房角石,
- 46. God's Anointed One, 神所膏立的那一位,
- 47. they were put aside. 他们就被搁置在一旁。
- 48. Peter is saying that God has chosen everyone who chooses God's cornerstone. 彼得说,神拣选凡是选择接纳神房角石的人;
- 49. He chooses everyone who believes and submit[s] to His Messiah. 神拣选凡是相信并顺从弥赛亚的人。
- 50. and, therefore, the chosen race in the New Testament is not based on physical descent, 因此,新约里的被拣选的族类,不是按照血统渊源,
- 51. but by adoption of grace. 而是在恩典中领养的。
- 52. Here's what Peter is saying. 彼得强调说,
- 53. Don't ever forget that the cornerstone was rejected.千万不要忘记,房角石曾被弃绝。
- 54. He was despised. 祂被藐视,
- 55. They spat on Him. 祂被唾弃,
- 57. but now He is glorified as the mighty cornerstone.
 但如今祂得著荣耀,成为伟大的房角石。
- 58. If you believe in Him, He will protect you. 你若相信祂,祂就会保佑你,

- 59. He will guard you. 衪会护卫你,
- 60. He will guide you. 祂会引领你。
- 61. And the very cornerstone that was rejected? 而这一块被弃绝的房角石,
- 62. God said of Him that He is the one 神说,就是祂,
- 63. Who can take you to Heaven. 祂能带你到天堂。
- 64. While those who surrender to the cornerstone will be protected by Him, 凡是愿意顺从这房角石的,都必得到祂的保守。
- 65. by the same token, anyone who rejects the cornerstone 同样的,拒绝房角石的人,
- 66. will be crushed by the very stone that they have rejected. 将会被他们自己所拒绝的石头压伤。
- 67. Peter is saying that those who reject the Messiah 彼得说,拒绝弥赛亚的人,
- 68. will one day be crushed by Him. 有一天会被弥赛亚消灭。
- 69. Those unbelievers will be crushed by the very stone that will receive, accept and protects those who do believe in Him. 这房角石会消灭拒绝相信的人,但会接纳保护凡相信祂的人。
- 70. Our first identity is that we are living precious stones. 我们的第一个身份就是,宝贵的活石。
- 71. Our second identity is that we are the chosen race. 我们的第二个身份就是,被拣选的族类。
- 72. Next time, we will look at our third identity, 下一次节目我们要看第三个身份,
- 73. namely, that we are the royal priesthood. 也就是有君尊的祭司。
- 74. Until then, I wish you God's richest blessing. 愿神大大的赐福给你,下次节目时间再会。