《天路导向》 双语讲义

藉我赐恩福(15) BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING – Part 15

SECTION A 甲部

- 1. Hello, our listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- If you are listening to this broadcast for the first time,
 如果今天是你第一次收听这个节目,
- we are in the midst of a series of messages from I Peter.
 让我告诉你,我们正在讲彼得前书里的系列信息,
- 4. We calling it, Blessed to be a Blessing. 我们称之为《藉我赐恩福》。
- 5. Last time we saw that as believers, we have responsibilities to the countries in which we live.

 上一次节目里我们讲到,基督徒对於我们所居住的国家应该尽义务。
- 6. These messages and this epistle are like a ladder that we are climbing. 这些信息和彼得的这卷书信,就好像一座楼梯让我们往上爬。
- 7. Before Peter could tell us about our responsibilities to others, 在彼得告诉我们要向别人负责任之前,
- 8. he had to begin by first, emphasizing the incredible blessing God has given to all believers.他首先强调,神赐给每一个基督徒许多不可思议的福气,
- 9. Then he told us what kind of responsibilities we should have to these blessings. 接著他又告诉我们,回应这些福气的责任是什么。
- 10. Peter tells us that there are six different ways in which we need to respond in thankfulness to God for his blessings. 彼得说,因为感谢神所赐的福气,我们需要做出六方面的回应。

- 11. Then he tells us of our six identities or responsibilities to God and to other believers. 後来他又告诉我们,基督徒的六种身份,或者可以说是,我们对神所要尽的六项责任。
- 12. And now in I Peter 2:13-20, 现在到了彼得前书二章 13-20 节。
- 13. he tells us about our responsibilities toward the world, 彼得在这里谈到,我们对这个世界的责任。
- 14. our responsibilities toward the government and local authorities, 我们对於中央和地方政府应尽的义务,
- 15. and our responsibilities to our bosses and employers. 以及我们对於雇主和上级领导的责任。
- 16. And last time we saw that we can never be a blessing to anyone until you have been blessed of God.

 上次节目我们谈到,除非你自己先得到神的赐福,不然,我们也不能成为别人的祝福。
- 17. Once the Holy Spirit has worked within you, 一旦圣灵在你心里动工,
- 18. you can receive blessings and then you can be a blessing.
 你就会得到神的福气,然後你也能成为别人的祝福。
- 19. we also saw that Peter told us to be a blessing to the local authorities, 我们也看见,彼得告诉我们,要成为地方掌权者的祝福,
- 20. be a blessing to the government, 要成为政府的祝福,
- 21. be a blessing to the society in which you live. 成为你所居住社区的祝福。
- 22. How? 如何做到呢?
- 23. By obeying the law of the land. 就是通过遵守当地的法律。
- 24. In I Peter 2:12, 彼得前书二章 12 节,

- 25. Peter tells us that we are aliens and sojourners. 彼得说,我们是客旅,是寄居的。
- 26. In fact since heaven in our real home, 事实上,既然天堂是我们真正的家乡,
- 27. we should think of ourselves as ambassadors on earth our host country is heaven. 我们应该看自己是代表天国出使到这个世界的大使。
- 28. And believers should never act in any manner that would bring shame to the name of Jesus. 基督徒不该做出任何使耶稣基督的名受羞辱的行为,
- 29. And Peter is saying this is how you, believers in Jesus Christ, should behave in your host country. 彼得说,所以,这是基督徒在出使国应有的表现。
- 30. Always think about what will bring honor and glory and respect and praise to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, your king. 总要思想,该做什么,才可以让你的王耶稣基督得到尊贵、荣耀、敬重和颂赞;
- 31. Always think about what will bring glory to your home country of heaven. 总要思想,该做什么,才可以让你的家乡天国得到荣耀。
- 32. Is Peter saying that Christians should be passive? 彼得是不是叫基督徒采取消极的态度?
- 33. Is Peter telling believers to be a punch bag to secular society or culture? 彼得是不是叫基督徒低声下气,甘心接受世俗文化的攻击?
- 34. Is Peter telling us that we ought to be doormats? 彼得是不是叫我们任人践踏?
- 35. Absolutely not. 绝对不是的!
- 36. And that is why the context of this passage is very important.

 所以这段经文的上下文十分重要,
- 37. I'm going to show you the logic of Peter's teaching. 让我为你指出,彼得教训的逻辑性;
- 38. I'm going to show you the logic of the word of God.让我告诉你,神话语的逻辑。

- 39. Remember, Peter already told us that our ultimate allegiance is to God. 不要忘记,彼得已经告诉了我们,神才是我们最高效忠的对象。
- 40. Sometimes to be a good citizen is to be involved in the political process 有时,作为好公民需要参与政治活动;
- 41. Sometimes to be a good citizen is to work hard to bring God honoring laws into the country. 有时,作为好公民需要尽力谋求尊重神的法律成立。
- 42. But believers do all of that with respect and not belligerence.
 但基督徒这么做是带著尊重,而不是挑衅斗争的精神。
- 43. Believers sometimes have to take a stand. 有时基督徒需要坚守立场,
- 44. But they do it in love for those who oppose them and even detest them. 但却是以爱心对待那些反对或敌视他们的人。
- 45. Believers do this out of concern for their own eternity. 基督徒这么做,是因为关怀他们永恒的福祉,
- 46. Believers are to do everything out of compassion and out of love. 基督徒所做的一切都基於怜悯和爱心。
- 47. Ultimately, Peter is saying that God has to be obeyed over man, 彼得说,但至终顺服神,高过顺服人。
- 48. and this is where he started. 他就是从这里讲起的,
- 49. He started by talking about submission to God. 他一开始就说要顺服神。
- 50. All of those things that we saw in our last message is in response to the blessing of God. 我们在以前的信息里所讲的,就是要回应神所赐的福气。
- 51. What are these things? 哪些事呢?
- 52. honor God, first, 先尊崇神,
- 53. respect God, first, 先尊敬神,
- 54. live in awe of God, first, 要过敬畏神的生活,

- 55. because God is awesome in his power, 因为神的大能可畏,
- 56. and after that you submit to local authority. 然後你才服从地方的权威。
- 57. submission has many levels. 顺服有不同的层次,
- 58. Our submission to God is at the top. 顺服神为首,
- 59. Then it followed by our submission to the government and submission to authority. 然後顺服政府和权威,
- 60. Then comes our submission to our employers. 然後顺服雇主。
- 61. Then later on, in chapter 3, we are going to see that Peter tells wives to submit to their husbands.
 以後到了第三章,彼得叫妻子顺服丈夫,
- 62. And as we will see wives submission to God must be above their submission to their husbands. 同时我们会看见,妻子首先应该顺服神,再顺服丈夫。
- 63. God and his word always come first. 神和神的话是最优先的,
- 64. Our submission to God has to come first. 顺服神排在第一位。
- 65. Therefore if the law of the land conflicts with the law of God, 所以,当人间的法律和神的法律有所觝触时,
- 66. Then, and only then, God must be obeyed above all else.
 惟独在这种情况下,就必须不顾一切,单单顺服神。
- 67. My listening friends this is very important. 亲爱的朋友,这是很重要的。
- 68. Submission to the law of God when it is in conflict with the law of the land has a price tag. 当神的律法和人间的法律彼此冲突时,要顺服神就需要付代价了,
- 69. It is almost always a heavy price. 通常都是很重的代价。
- 70. At that point you must be willing to pay the price for your obedience to the law of God. 到了那地步,你必须甘心为了顺服神而付代价。

- 71. My listening friends, listen to what Peter is saying. 我亲爱的朋友,请听彼得怎么说。
- 72. When you suffer in obedience to God's law, 当你是因为顺从神的律法而受苦,
- 73. God is going to give you grace. 神会赐给你恩典。
- 74. When you suffer in obedience to God's law, 当你是因为顺从神的律法而受苦,
- 75. God is going to give you power. 神会赐给你能力。
- 76. When you suffer in obedience to God's law, 当你是因为顺从神的律法而受苦,
- 77. God is going to give you strength that you never thought possible. 神会赐给你出乎想像之外的力量。
- 78. Ah, but if you suffer for your own foolishness, 但如果你是因自己的愚昧而受苦,
- 79. That's your problem, 那是你的问题,
- 80. and you must pay for it. 你自讨苦吃。
- 81. If I suffer for the name of Christ, 但若是因基督的名受苦,
- 82. then God is going to give me strength like I've never experienced before. 神就会赐给我从未经历过的能力。
- 83. In verse 15, Peter said to those who speak against believers, 在 15 节里,彼得对那些反对基督徒的人说,
- 84. those who attack believers, 那些攻击基督徒的人,
- 85. those who persecute believers, 那些逼迫基督徒的人,
- 86. are guilty of ignorance. 他们犯了糊涂无知的罪。
- 87. Ignorance is very dangerous. 糊涂无知是很危险的,
- 88. Peter said that by our godly lives we can silence that foolishness. 彼得说,通过我们虔诚敬畏神的生活,就可以堵住这些人的口。
- 89. So, be a blessing to society. 所以,要成为社区的祝福。

- 90. Secondly, be a blessing to your workplace. 第二,要成为你工作场所的祝福。
- 91. I don't know how many times I've heard people say, 我不知道听过多少次这样的说法了,
- 92. if I had a different job, my life would be easy, 如果我转换工作,我的生命就会改观。
- 93. or if I had a different boss, my life would be easier, 如果我换了老板,我的日子就好过多了。
- 94. or if I worked for a different company, my life would be easier.
 如果我能换家公司工作就好了。
- 95. If I had a different career, my life would be easier.
 如果我从事另一种行业,生活就容易多了。
- 96. If my circumstances were different, I would be better off.
 如果情况转变,我就会好多了。
- 97. No, no, no, listen my friend. 不对,不对,朋友,听我说,
- 98. The problem is that you cannot go through life wishing if only and if only. 问题是,你不能活在假设的梦想里。
- 99. You are where you are for a reason. 你活在目前的现实中是有原因的,

SECTION B

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- Unless you are forced into compromising the law of God where you are.
 除非有人强迫你,违背神的法律向世俗妥协,
- 2. Then you are not there by the will of God. 这个现实不是出於神的旨意,
- 3. And you must be willing to pay the price. 而且你必须愿意付代价。
- 4. But generally speaking, you are where you are for a reason.但一般来说,你所处的现实环境是有理由的。
- 5. And Peter is saying in verses 18 to 20, 彼得在 18-20 节那里说,
- 6. be a blessing where you are. 你无论在哪里,都要成为别人的祝福。

- 7. You are where you are because God has placed you there.
 神把你摆在你所处的环境里,
- 8. Be a blessing where you are. 在那里成为别人的祝福。
- 9. So instead of wanting to bolt out of your situation,
 不要祈求逃离你的环境,
- 10. ask God these questions, 反要问神说,
- 11. how can I be a blessing where I am, 我如何在自己的处境里成为别人的祝福?
- 12. how can I be a blessing to my company, 我如何成为公司的祝福?
- 13. how can I be a blessing to my boss, 我如何成为上级领导的祝福?
- 14. how can I be a blessing to my employer, 我如何成为雇主的祝福?
- 15. how can I be a blessing to my employees, 我如何成为雇员的祝福?
- 16. how can I be a blessing to my neighbors, 我如何成为我邻居的祝福?
- 17. how can I be a blessing to my family. 我如何成为我家人的祝福?
- 18. Now I told you about reading the scripture in context.
 刚才我说,我们读经要看上下文。
- 19. Now let me tell you a few things about the context in which Peter was writing this particular epistle.
 现在就让我告诉你,彼得写这卷书信的一些背景。
- 20. Peter is telling his listeners, slaves, submit to your masters.彼得说,为奴的要顺服你的主人。
- The slaves to whom Peter was referring were not the kind of slaves that were kept in chains and treated poorly.
 彼得在这里所说的奴隶,并非那些被锁链锁上,受虐待的奴隶,
- 22. In fact they were household employees. 其实这些就是家里的雇工。
- 23. The most conservatives estimate is that there were over 6 million slaves in the roman empire. 根据最保守的估计,当时在罗马帝国里,有超过六百万的奴隶。

- 24. They were employed in every occupation ranging from manual labor to professionals such as doctors, and lawyers, and teachers, and accountants and, etc...
 各行各业都有,包括劳动工人到专业人士,如医生、律师、老师和会计师等。
- 25. Some of those household employees lived quite comfortably. 这些家庭雇工当中,有些人的生活是相当舒适的,
- 26. But they were not free. 但他们却是不自由的。
- 27. They were often paid for their services. 通常他们是有薪水的,
- 28. And occasionally they were given the option to purchase their freedom.

 偶尔也会给予他们赎回自由身的机会。
- 29. Others have become too close to their masters family they refuse their freedom. 但有些仆人,因为和主人家建立起密切的关系,而拒绝恢复自由身。
- 30. And they chose to stay on and were treated like members of the family. 他们宁可选择留在主人家,而主人也待他们如亲人。
- 31. Now that I have told you this, I want you to listen carefully.当我告诉你这些背景之後,请继续留心听我说。
- 32. The reason neither Paul nor Peter nor the rest of the New Testament writers, 新约圣经的所有作者,包括保罗和彼得在内,
- 33. never asked Christians to rebel against the slavery of the day, 他们之所以呼吁基督徒不要反抗当时的奴隶制度,
- 34. is because they knew that when that happened there would be a bloodbath. 是因为他们知道,如果他们反抗,将造成流血事件。
- 35. A slave rebellion did occur at the time of Julius Caesar.
 在凯撒大帝的时期,曾经发生过奴隶反叛的事件,
- 36. And the slaves were crushed. 那些奴隶都被镇压了。

- 37. So, what the New Testament teaches is to make the best of the worst circumstances. 新约里的教导就是,尽可能逆来顺受,争取生存空间。
- 38. That's the point that you must understand today. 今天你必须了解这个重点,
- 40. Yet historically, the Bible has served as a springboard for outlawing slavery. 然而在历史上也显示,奴隶制度的废除,是受了圣经的推动。
- 41. Throughout history, when committed believers were placed in position of authority, 在历史过程中,当虔诚的基督徒在政府里担任要职,
- 42. they helped to outlaw the practice of slavery in their own countries.
 他们就在自己的国家里,推动废除奴隶制度。
- 43. They were able to do this only by the power of the Holy Spirit. 他们能够这么做,是靠圣灵的大能。
- 44. When you want to be a blessing to society, 当你愿意成为社会的祝福时,
- 45. or to your country, 或者为你的国家祝福,
- 46. or to your employer, 或者为你的雇主祝福,
- 47. the Holy Spirit will give you the strength. 圣灵会赐给你力量。
- 48. My listening friends, there are other kinds of slavery exists throughout the world today. 亲爱的朋友,今天在这世界上存在著另一种形式的奴隶制度。
- 49. There is the enslavement of the love of money. 人们受贪爱金钱的欲望所奴役;
- 50. There is the enslavement of fear that is holding many in its chains.人们受恐惧的锁链捆绑成为奴隶;
- 51. There is the slavery of worry and anxiety that is holding many in its grips. 许多人受制於担忧和焦虑,而成为奴隶;

- 52. The slavery of conformity and keeping up with appearances that is holding many in its grasp. 许多人为了赶上潮流,追求外表的打扮,而成为时尚的奴隶;
- 53. The slavery of addiction that is destroying many lives and families. 恶癖和毒瘾奴役著许多人,破坏了无数家庭和生命。
- 54. But here's the problem; 问题是,
- 55. whenever you are in slavery, whatever it may be
 - 一旦你成为奴隶,不论是什么形式的,
- 56. whether it is fear, 是恐惧、
- 57. or addiction, 或毒瘾、
- 58. or anxiety, 或焦虑、
- 59. or to the love of money, 或贪财,
- 60. it is impossible to be a blessing to others. 你就不能成为别人的祝福。
- 61. You must be liberated by the power of God the Holy Spirit, 你必须让圣灵的大能来释放你,
- 62. and he can do that for you today. 祂今天就能帮助你。
- 63. Here's what Peter is saying, 彼得就是这么说的,
- 64. to be a blessing on the job, 要在你工作上成为祝福,
- 65. means you do your work not based on how you feel about your boss. 就是说你工作的表现,不是基於对上级领导的感受;
- 66. It means that you do your work not based on the nature of your job. 你工作的表现,也不是基於这项工作的性质;
- 67. It means that you do your work not based on the level of work that your co-workers do 你工作的表现,也不是基於其他同事的表现如何。
- 68. no. 不!

- 69. You do your work as if you were serving the Lord Jesus himself, 你做工就如同服事耶稣基督,
- 70. knowing so well how fair God is, 你清楚知道,神是多么公正的;
- 71. knowing how just God is, 你知道神是公义的;
- 72. knowing how rewarding of your faithfulness God is, 你知道只要忠心,神就会赏赐给你;
- 73. knowing how good he is to you, 你知道神对你有多好;
- 74. knowing how anxious he is to bless you and make you a blessing, 你知道祂多么迫切愿意赐福给你,并让你成为别人的祝福;
- 75. knowing that he has already blessed you, 你知道祂已经赐福给你;
- 76. knowing all of this will motivate you to work as hard and as diligently and as faithfully as you know how.
 你知道这一切,促使你尽心尽力尽忠的工作,
- 77. Be a blessing. 藉你赐恩福,
- 78. Be a blessing. 藉你赐恩福。
- 79. Until next time, I wish you God's riches blessing.愿神大大的赐福给你,我们下次节目再会。