

Eric gives the devotion on “Blessings for Obedience” from Deut. 28:1-14

- Blessings can be in many forms; we focus on blessings from obedience.
- Verse 1,9,10,11: “fully obey” → carefully follow all his commands. All his commands comprise the 10 commands & all the ceremonial and civil laws.:
  - Not to turn right or to the left
  - Follow other gods
  - Serve other gods
- Abundant prosperity conditional upon obedience of all laws:
  - High above all nations
  - Make you head, not tail
  - Always at the top never at bottom
  - Prosper
- Why God warn against us? Because He loves us and wants us to prosper.
- What is the foundation for blessings? Obedience. When we are prosperous, God’s name is glorified.
- God is never change, same yesterday, today & tomorrow? – When the nation returns to God, it will be blessed, like America was once truly blessed before spiraled downward (see v28:12)
- When America takes God out of the equation, the moral climate deteriorates
- Christians need to bring the people one by one back to Christ; so the nation can be rebuilt on the Bible.
- Parallel between Israelites experience & American experience as nation? – spiritual adultery?
- Signs of disobedience:
  - Remove prayers from school
  - Can’t celebrate Christmas
- Actions to take to turn the nation around – disciple one at a time.
- How to feel “blessed” with life – not by possessions, but by the presence of the Lord, His people and the church families. Provide us a haven of rest.