

Two approaches to the king. Isaiah 9:6

Reject:

King Herod — threatened. Luke 2:1-7

Inn keeper — indifferent. Matthew 2:1-7

Spiritual elite — self-righteous. Matthew 2:4-6

Accept:

The Kings:

Authority Isaiah 6:5

- Pardon
- Forgive
- Restore

Power 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; John 18:36-37

- Defend
- Defeat

Wisdom Zechariah 9:9; Luke 9:34-35

- Lead
- Answer

Blessing

A list of God's promises of blessing when we follow the King.

“God promises to bless you IF you follow his instructions. Every promise has a premise; there's a condition attached.”

- “You will experience all these blessings IF you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in your towns and in the country. You will be blessed with many children and productive fields. You will be blessed with fertile herds and flocks. You will be blessed with baskets overflowing with fruit, and with kneading bowls filled with bread. You will be blessed wherever you go, both in coming and in going. The Lord will conquer your enemies when they attack you... And the Lord will bless everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain.” Deuteronomy 28:2-8 (NLT)
- God wants to bless you visibly in front of others as a testimony. “Lord, you have stored up great blessings for those who honor you. You do much for those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.” Psalm 31:19 (NLT)
- God blesses you so you can be a blessing to others! “I will cause my people and their homes around my holy hill to BE a blessing. And I will send showers, showers of blessings, which will come just when they are needed.” Ezekiel 34:26 (NLT)
- God's blessing can be passed on to generations. You can create a legacy. “After Abraham's death, God poured out rich blessings on Isaac.” Genesis 25:11 (NLT)
- It's never too late to start living a God-blessed life! “The Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the first half of his life.” Job 42:12
- God promises to bless my life IF I meet with him daily. “Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching DAILY at my doors, waiting at my doorway.” Proverbs 8:34
- God promises to bless my life IF I study and do his Word. “Blessed is the man... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his word he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” Psalm 1:1-3
- “The man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has

heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.”

James 1:25

- God promises to bless my life IF I tithe my income. “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”
Malachi 3:10
- God promises to bless my life IF I help others in need, especially the poor. “God blesses those who are kind to the poor and helpless. He helps them out of their own troubles. He protects them and keeps them alive; he publicly honors them and destroys the power of their enemies.” Psalm 41:1-2
- “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9
- God promises to bless my life IF I share the Good News. “I pray you will be active in sharing your faith, so that you will fully understand every blessing we have in Christ.” Philemon 1:6
- “God promises to bless my life IF I participate in fellowship with other believers. “I’m eager to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other.” Romans 1:12
- “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed IF you DO them.” John 13:17
- “Even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.” Luke 11:28 (NLT)
- “Worship the Lord your God and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you.” Exodus 23:25 (NIV)
- “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” 1 Peter 3:9 (NIV)
- “Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)
- “Happy are those who respect the Lord and obey him. You will enjoy what you work for, and you will be blessed with good things.” Psalm 128:1-2 (NCV)