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Title : True Blessing
Scripture : Psalm 46:1-11

Introduction

- At CNY many Chinese seek blessings of good fortune through:
 - Displaying of auspicious symbols to attract good luck and protection
 - Eating of auspicious food to ensure happiness and longevity of life
 - Inviting the visitation of the god of prosperity to bring material wealth
- Believers seek the Lord knowing that Him we have every blessing (3:14-20)

EPH 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, [15] from whom his whole family* in heaven and on earth derives its name. [16] I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [18] may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, [19] and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

(Psalm 46:1-11)

PS 46:1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
PS 46:2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
PS 46:3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
Selah
PS 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
PS 46:5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
PS 46:6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
PS 46:7 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Selah
PS 46:8 Come and see the works of the LORD,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
PS 46:9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
he burns the shields* with fire.
PS 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

PS 46:11 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Blessing of His Presence (Psalm 46:1-3)

- A God who promises to be near (Exodus 25:8 ; John 14:16,17)
- A God who makes it possible to draw near (Genesis 3:8 ; Revelation 3:20)
- A God who promises to be with those who love Him forever (Psalm 139:5-12; Hebrews 13:5)

The Blessing of His Joy (Psalm 46: 4-7)

- God's blessings come with God's assurance of joy (Proverbs 10:22; James 1:17)
- God's blessings cause those who receive to be givers (1 Chronicles 29:9; 2 Corinthians 5:14)
- God's blessings bring greater commitment and loyalty to Him (Psalms 9:1,2; Philippians 1:21)

The Blessing of His Adequacy (Psalm 46:8-10)

- Conquers the fear of abandonment (Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 28:20)
- Conquers the fear of helplessness (Psalm 27:1, Romans 8:37-39)
- Conquers the fear of inadequacy

Conclusion

True blessing is having God Himself in our lives

(Ephesians 3:20 – 21)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.