



“Yet a small number who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt, and all... shall know whose words will stand, Mine or theirs.... I will give Pharaoh Hophra... into the hand of his enemies.” Jeremiah 44:26 – 30

Jesus teaches us to “pray for those who despitefully use you.” (Matthew 5:44). Here we see one of the reasons why – God’s judgment may fall upon others for our sake! “But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and His house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.” (Genesis 12:17).

If the Lord is willing to so judge the unbeliever for our sakes, will He not be as willing to bless the unbeliever for our sakes? Of course He is willing! “The goodness of God leads men to repentance.” (Romans 2:4). Extend your faith that your family might be blessed! Extend your faith that your employer might be blessed for your sake! Dare you ask the Lord’s blessing upon the city, the state, or the national government for your sake? Dare you live so big as a Christian, such a Christ-like life, that you may even ask the Father to bless your enemies!?

Is this then an exercise in selfishness? I think not! Your faith and prayer for God’s blessing, coupled with your faithful example of Christian living, followed by loving and bold witness for Christ, will bring many people who are in the sphere of your influence to faith in Christ! It is even possible for that one who was once your enemy to now become your brother in Christ!

“Now, Father, in Jesus’ name, I ask You to bless...”

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