

“Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!”

2 Corinthians 1:12-14

INTRO

I was reminded this week, rather astoundingly, that basic principles of life and faith exist for a reason. Why we (people in general) delineate from a proven path is perplexing and disturbing. It's easy to excuse it with, “We are just wired that way,” but that would be insulting to the Holy Spirit!

When he is observed from a neutral position, my oldest grandson appears very normal. The truth is that, medically speaking, he has some challenges. In my laymen's terminology, he is a hot mess. And it's no fault of his own. It's life. His illness is not God punishing him or his family for past conduct – God's grace doesn't work that way.

God never promised my family (or any family for that matter) that we would never have life-challenging issues. This is a broken, fallen world in which we live! That there are not more people with life-challenging issues is a testimony to God's grace upon this world!

No, God promised me that he would never leave me nor forsake me.

No wonder the people heralding Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem proclaimed, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” They were saying what the Holy Spirit led them to say!

1. We need to rehearse our “dignitary introductions” for a day to come!
 - 2 Corinthians 12:1-2; Romans 16:21-23; 1 Corinthians 1:31
2. A good conscience versus a seared conscience!
 - 1 Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 9:14; Acts 23:1
3. Faith calls us to a conduct that is pure and right!
 - 2 Corinthians 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 1:30