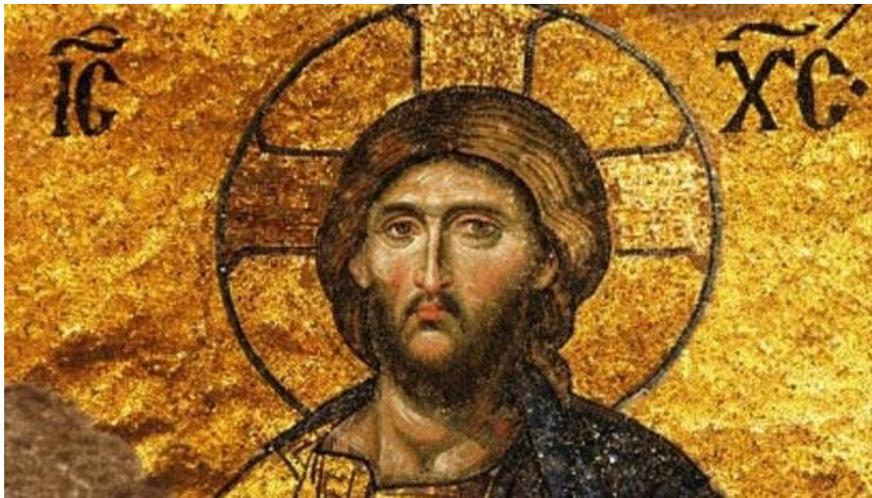


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January 7, 2015

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy Name.*

Psalm 103:1

Why Would God Need To Be Blessed?

Psalm 103 is the psalm appointed for this morning, the day after the Epiphany. The first thing it says is to bless the Lord. One question that comes up is, "why does the Lord need to be blessed?". It does seem a little strange, on one hand, doesn't it? God is supposed to be the greater one and, therefore, by definition, the one who blesses others. Why would the greater one need to be blessed by those who are not as powerful?

You Become Like the One You Bless

You become more and more like the one you love, praise, admire and spend time with. Do you have a desire to please the Lord? Do you find yourself thinking that you want to be like Jesus? Do you ever think you would like to go deeper into a Christian life? Do you have a thirst to understand the Bible more? Do you want to help others in some way or another because of your Christian Faith? Do you find that a hymn or worship song seems to come out of nowhere and sticks in your mind on a day other than Sunday? That is the Lord seeking you out. When you return praise, thanksgiving, blessing, and prayer to God you becoming more like Him and you are gaining His capacity to pray, understand the Bible, minister to others, and live a deeper Christian life. When you bless the Lord you are becoming more of who you were created to be. You are becoming more like Jesus. God wants you to bless Him so that you and He can have a deeper relationship. Maybe its us needing to bless the Lord more than God needing our blessing.

How Do You Bless The Lord?

Try this- Ask God how He wants you to bless him. See what comes to mind and do that. To prepare for hearing that answer develop a few habits. Maybe when you first get up you might say this, "Bless the Lord O My Soul!" Habits like that will prepare you to engage more deeply with God.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, January 11, 2015 worship at 10:00am followed by Annual Parish Meeting and Pot Luck.

Sunday, January 18, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Manakin Sabot Cosmetic and Family Dentistry, Sarah Wilmer DDS, owner, that many people would have greater health through this practice.

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Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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