

From the Pastor
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On December 31st of every year, we count down the seconds to the New Year. When the year arrives we all, either loudly with others or quietly on our couches, say, "Happy New Year!"

Moses said something like "Happy New Year" when he was saying his last words to the Israelites. The people of Israel were just about to go into the Promised Land. They were right on its borders. These are the last words Moses said to the people as they were to start a new life in the new land:

Deuteronomy 33:29

*Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you,
a people saved by the LORD,
the shield of your help,
and the sword of your triumph!
Your enemies shall come fawning to you,
and you shall tread upon their backs." (ESV)*

This verse has three parts and three reasons why you can be happy this new year.

First, you can be happy because you are one of God's people. God has saved you from sin and so eternity is yours. God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to save you. You have become a part of the family of God. Whatever happens this year, don't forget to enjoy the fact that you are a child of God.

Second, God is your protector. He is your shield of help. If you face hard times this year, reach out to God and ask for His help. He is there for you. And God wants you to have success this year. He wants you to triumph. I'm not saying God is promising loads of earthly blessings, but He is promising you to find victory in your struggles over sin.

And third, your enemies will fall at your feet. Satan wants to destroy you. The scriptures are filled with stories of people who struggled with attacks from those controlled by Satan. We are told to submit to God and Satan will flee from you (James 4:7).

You and I are stepping into the new year. My hope is for your happiness this year as God blesses you.

In Him and for His glory,

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