

NOTES TO THE FAMILY

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I have a nice-enough job, but I would like a better one—or at least work for a better employer. I've been looking around for another job, but so have many others. What I really need is an opportunity rather than a job. And I came by what appears to be a great opportunity the other day. I had seen it before, but did not really appreciate it for what it was. (I could hoard it for myself, but that seems useless as there are so few takers, and I sense that my part would be easier with help.) So, take a look in the Book of Psalms in the 67th chapter, verses five through six:

(Psalms 67:5-6 KJV) Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. {6} Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

The way this works, I simply consider myself as part of the people *allowed* to praise God. And by doing what I am allowed to do my employer (God) receives what He wants, a healthy earth yielding its increase. And then God blesses me (empowers me to prosper) for having done what He has allowed me to do.

Now there is a chance that I could obtain nothing, if I do nothing, or just say I am going to praise Him and don't. I am not forced to do anything, I am allowed to prosper, it is not required. There is no one looking over my shoulder, checking out my character. But He knows.

Now, I am going to do my part regardless, because I see big gains here. But the Scriptures speak of “ . . . *letting the people . . .* , “ And this could include you. Wouldn't you like a part in ensuring that the *earth yield her increase*? Besides, how satisfied are you with your present situation?

The other great thing about this opportunity is that it has no minimum qualifications for consideration or continued employ: no matter what I have tried and failed at before, this opportunity is still open to me. I am still worthy of employment here without regard to my station in life, height, color, sex, or political affiliation.

PRAISE THE LORD!

This, I can do.

At all times. There is no impairment here by reason of wealth, or lack thereof, or physical appearance.

None can deny opportunity! As long as I have breath I can praise You!
I can praise and worship alone as well as in the congregation.

And I will! Because Your word declares You desire praise. And because You inhabit the praises of Your people, I draw near as I praise You . . . and we are One. . .

And I am strengthened by who You are and who I am becoming in Your presence.
I am open to Your counsel which none can defeat.

