

God's Extended Grace to His People

1. God will bless those that bless us.

Matt. 10:40-42 Matt. 25:31-40

A. God's promise to Abraham. **Gen. 12:2-3** and to all Israel. **Psa. 122:6**

2. Those who oppose the people of God likewise will receive rejection and judgment. **Matt. 25:41-46**

3. Israel and example.

A. Jacob and Esau. **Gen. 25:29-34**

1. Jacob received the birthright blessing from Isaac.

2. Later, as nations, Esau (Edom) resisted Israel.
Num. 20:14, 17-18, 21

B. When God judged Israel for her sins in 588B.C., Edom became Israel's bitter enemy. See the Book of Obadiah.
Oba. 1:1, 3-4, 8-15, 18-19; Psa. 137:1-4, 7

4. God requires us (the church) not to be revengeful, but to be kind; even to our enemies. **Rom. 12:19-21, Matt. 5:44-46; Prov. 25:21-22**

5. In return God will fight our battles and give us lasting victory.
Heb. 10:30-31

A. He will be kind to those who are good to us. **Mark 9:41**

B. ...and will honor us when others dislike us.
Luke 6:22-23