

## March 4<sup>th</sup>

*"The Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." (Psa.133.3).*

The first time the Lord came to Bethany is recorded in John 11.1. The Lord had a special love for the family of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. They had many shortcomings, failures and inward weaknesses, but still He loved them. In the same way He loves you and me but unless we are fully prepared to receive that love, we cannot enjoy the life and joy and health He offers to us.

Man can be prosperous, but very miserable inside. Earthly prosperity is not of divine love, but that very wrong conception exists in many hearts. Men think of health and prosperity and spiritual blessing, but God's blessing is for eternity (Psa. 133.3). True blessing is always in terms of eternal life, and whatever we enjoy through eternal life is true blessing. When we have inward peace we enjoy true life, and in spite of whatever God may allow in our lives whether suffering or difficulties, because of eternal life we can enjoy true blessing. Blessings come to us in different ways. In fact, in Psalm 119:67,71 we see how David regards affliction and trials as blessing. He is thankful in his affliction because he learns how to keep and understand God's Word ( Psa. 18:91, 35 and 36). Through the very same affliction, he comes into enlargement. In the same way in Job 42:6, 12, 13, through many painful trials, Job received a double portion of blessing. Whatever God may permit in our lives, even though it may be painful, because we enjoy eternal life it becomes a blessing.

### ***Today's calendar Bible verse:***

*Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Colossians 3:15.*