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THE BLESSING IS YOURS NO MATTER WHAT!

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A lot of Christians like to think that there is only a blessing in life...but the Bible is very clear that there is a curse, also!

Of course...I don't want to spend all our time talking about the curse, because isn't our heritage, as believers!

"Curse" – to destroy, render idle, deprave of power...failure, everything that can go wrong, goes wrong! Deuteronomy 28:15-68 goes in depth into describing what is included in under the curse!

"Curse" – the Hebrew root means bitterness; because the curse made Adam and Eve's lives bitter in every way.

PHRASE: "It's a bitter pill to swallow."

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14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We've been redeemed from the curse...

"Redeemed" – to purchased, ransomed, rescued

We've been BOUGHT out of the curse, by the blood of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 6:20 – **"For ye are bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But **with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

BELOVED: Through Jesus we have been BOUGHT out of the curse and INTO the blessing!

"Blessing" – success in all things (not just money); everything that could go right, goes right!

Genesis 1:26-28

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Proverbs 10:22 – “The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 goes in depth on what comes to those who live under THE BLESSING of God.

(perhaps Malachi 3:10 – “pour you out a blessing”)

Genesis 12:1-3

- 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

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The CURSE is broken, so that the BLESSING comes.

QUESTION: How do we partake of the BLESSING?

ANSWER: You receive it BY FAITH everything that the BLESSING supplies!

Galatians 3:29 – “And if ye be Christ's, ***then are ye Abraham's seed***, and heirs according to the promise.”

GLORIA COPELAND: “Under the curse you diminish. Things flow away from you. Under the blessing you increase. Things flow to you!”

No Matter What

Often we find ourselves living in a mess...a mess that we are responsible for...

- ~ Mistakes that we made
- ~ When we should have known better
- ~ You choose the easy way instead of the right way
- ~ You disobeyed and you know it

So you come to Jesus...the blessing is now yours...you are suppose to be living in the blessing...but,

- ~ You know the mess that you've created
- ~ You know that you are flawed...you know all your mistakes
- ~ You know the bed you've made and you've got to sleep in
- ~ You know what you deserve

NOW: Religion will talk about the BLESSING, ***which is clearly ours***, and will say it is a thing of the past or that it is TOO-GOOD-TO-BE-TRUE.

THEY SAY: You can't expect it because we need to be happy with the fact that we are forgiven and we are going to heaven.

BELOVED: Jesus redeemed us from the curse and INTO THE BLESSING...***no matter what mess you have made of your life.***

Luke 15:11-32 (The Prodigal Son, AKA: The Good Father)

This parable is preached often and usually focused on the younger son, only...but the beauty of this parable is its depth.

- 11 **And he said, A certain man had two sons:**
 12 **And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.**

NOTICE: The younger son ASKED and dad gave! No begging involved.
 Your dad is a willing giver. YHWH is a willing giver!

NOTE: Why do you think God wants us to be willing givers?

- 13 **And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.**

“Took his stuff” – the younger son would get about a third of dad’s inheritance and it would include stuff. The older brother would receive the land and rest of the stuff.

ONE COMMENTATOR: The son would have sold off of his livestock and stuff that he received, so he could leave with cash for spending.

“Wasted” – squandered; separate (a fool and his money are quickly separated).

NOW: There is nothing in verse 12 that says there were any personality gaffs in the son...but the fact that he went and wasted his inheritance in such a quick way...it seems like he did have a gaff and made a huge mistake.

ONE he becomes VERY aware of in the next verse...

- 14 **And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.**
 15 **And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.**
 16 **And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.**

You may think that you are OKAY in life...UNTIL FAMINE HITS.
 You may think you’ve gotten by with things...UNTIL FAMINE HITS.

When famine hit...he had ONE CHOICE...live in a pig pen and eat what the pigs eat.

WHY? All because of his OWN CHOICES.

Everything that COULD go wrong, did go wrong! The curse!

Religion will always try to tell you that we all go through times of famine...and you just have to deal with it...if it is eating with pigs, so be it.

UNDERSTAND: That is NOT the way it is when you live IN THE BLESSING!

Genesis 12:10 – 13:2

In the middle of famine...the blessing worked...Abram was VERY rich in silver and gold!

Genesis 26:1-12

In the middle of famine...Isaac planted and harvested a hundredfold!

ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDING: Even though he was a son...he was living under the curse!

KEY: And he knew why!

- ~ It was his decisions
- ~ It was his poor judgment
- ~ It was his disobedience
- ~ It was HIM...and he knew it

He knew he didn’t deserve anything from dad...but...

- 17 **And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!**
 18 **I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,**

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

He came to his mind and said...I am not worthy...I have made too many mistakes...I am nothing... but even dad's servants are better off than how I am living now...which is MY FAULT.

So he decides to go home!

- ~ You can call it born-again.
- ~ Rededicating yourself
- ~ Or just starting over

His plan is to LIVE OUT HIS LIFE with MUCH LESS than what a child should have (the Blessing) because it is what he deserved.

HOWEVER: Notice what dad said...

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

BASICALLY: No matter what you have done...where you have gone...what you have put your trust in...YOU ARE MY SON and the blessing is yours!

You see, the son was NOT REALLY AWARE of WHO his father was...how good He was!

He was NOT aware of who he was, himself, when he was connected to his Father! It made him everything...gave him everything!

Ephesians 1:17-19

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Paul said he was constantly praying this prayer for the Christians at Ephesus!

- ~ That they know WHO God is! Who the Father is!
- ~ That they know WHO they are in Him.
- ~ That they know WHAT they have in Him.
- ~ That they know WHAT they can do in Him.

UNDERSTAND: All four of them are important...but you CANNOT have two, three and four UNTIL you have number ONE!

Knowing Who God is!

He is a giver WHO desires HIS kids to live in HIS blessings! To welcome them home! To start over! This PARABLE is about a giving and loving and good Father!

Even if you have messed up...no matter how much you have messed up...the Blessing is available to you! Freely given!

Security, wealth, health, rest, peace, etc. – Freely given!

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

“**New creature**” – a creature that has never existed before.

BELOVED: So how can He hold your past against you?

When you have grabbed a hold of an understanding of who God is...you will never find His commands, directions or anything He has said to be burdensome. ***So you obey...freely...therefore you stay in the BLESSING (example, the tithe)!***

1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Conclusion

Whatever the sons view of the Father before he went and wasted his inheritance was...

- ~ Dad was trying to hide something?
- ~ Dad was keeping him from something?

Genesis 3 – Adam and Eve were sure God was keeping something from them.

...can we imagine what the SONS view was of himself after what dad did? He saw a new him, because he saw a new HIM!

BELOVED: If you want to know who you are and what you have and what you can do...you BETTER get a better view of YOUR FATHER!

NO matter the mess you've made of your life...BEFORE or AFTER you came to him...the BLESSING is still available for you!

Begin stirring your faith for the BLESSING...speaking the BLESSING...expecting the BLESSING...but ABOVE ALL, keep an eye on WHO YOUR DAD is!

- ~ To know Him!
- ~ To know Him more!
- ~ To focus on Him!