



YOU ARE BLESSED and YOU ARE A BLESSING

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There are a couple words that we talk about that we need to make sure we know what they mean:
“**The Blessing**” – an empowerment to increase, to prosper

NOTE: This draws all the blessings to you...all of God’s goodness.

“**Blessings** or **blessed**” – is the increase; prosperity, happiness, favored, health, etc.

UNDERSTAND: God’s BLESSING produces blessings in our life.

Deuteronomy 28:1-13

- 1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
- 2 And all these **blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee**, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
- 3 **Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.**
- 4 **Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.**
- 5 **Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.**
- 6 **Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.**
- 7 *The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.*
- 8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and **he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**
- 9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.
- 10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.
- 11 *And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.*
- 12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and **to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.**
- 13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

From the very beginning this was His plan:

Genesis 1:28 – “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.”

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Proverbs 28:20 (PASSION) – “*Life's blessings drench the honest and faithful person*, but punishment rains down upon the greedy and dishonest.”

God wants us DRENCHED in His blessings!

“*Drenched*” – soaked thoroughly; all the way through!

ILLUSTRATION: When we were in Sanibel Island a couple years ago...the Friday we were there a tropical storm moved in...never made it to hurricane levels, but it RAINED...and it didn't rain small little drops...but HUGE drops.

Friday morning Jessica and her mom decided to go down to the beach to do some shell hunting (they have a problem) and when they came back...they were not just WET...they were DRENCHED (I have the picture for the right amount of money).

God doesn't want us to just have a shower of blessings...but a tropical storm of blessing...for us to be DRENCHED in His blessings!

Psalms 31:19 (NLT) – “How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.”

Lavishing it on us!

(INSERT: God wants us to get this...because we often think He is trying to get us to do without by giving, and His desire is to DRENCH US in His blessings!)

Ephesians 1:3 – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:”

Matthew 7:11 – “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”

Psalms 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 2:12 – “...Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”

Psalms 29:11 – “...the LORD will bless his people with peace.”

Psalms 34:8 – “O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”

Psalms 67:6,7

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalms 84:5 – “Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee....”

Psalms 84:12 – “O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.”

Psalms 112:1 – “Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.”

Psalms 115:14,15

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

Psalms 119:1,2

1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Do you think God is trying to tell us something?

I believe He is!

SAY IT: “I am blessed of the Lord!”

Numbers 23:20 – “Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.”

And he really wanted to reverse it!

God desires to bless us in all we do!

Galatians 3:13,14

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

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.

NOTE: Because of what Jesus did on the cross...the same BLESSING that was on Abraham...that caused all the BLESSINGS of God to come upon Him...is upon us! **We are blessed** (more than a cliché).

The Blessing

Genesis 12:2,3

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**.

So often when we are talking about the BLESSING of Abraham...the one we walk in...we stop focusing after “I will bless thee”!

That is the part we are after...the bigger house, the bigger car, the bigger bank account, etc. That is the part we get excited about...that is the BLESSING...right?

BELOVED: The blessing is the whole thing! All of it!

NOTICE: God puts a couple phrases in THIS BLESSING.

* Thou shalt be a blessing.

* In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Ya! Us blessing others is part of our blessing!

Have you ever thought about that?

If you are stopping with receiving blessings...you are not living in the fullness of God’s blessing!

1 Peter 3:9 – “Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”

(NASB) – “not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you would inherit a blessing.”

NOTICE: We have ALL been called to BLESSING OTHERS! It is our calling! It is what we are suppose to be doing in life.

The very essence of LIFE is GIVING.

You were NOT just put on this earth to see how much you could accumulate...but how much you could GIVE AWAY!

We are to be BOTH...BLESSED and a BLESSING!

When Jesus met with people who had taken short cuts to get rich (Zacchaeus, Levi (Matthew), and the Rich Young Ruler)...they gave all they had to get closer to Him. It is part of the BLESSING...not to be poor!

Jesus was known as a giver: at the Last Supper when Judas left, it did not surprise anyone in the room.

BELOVED: God wants to bless us...but He also desires us to be a blessing.

***When we begin to take care of the needs of others,
God will make sure your needs are met.***

2 Corinthians 9:10,11 (NASB)

- 10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
- 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

Blessing others is more than JUST money...but includes money:

- * Giving of finances (tithes in church).
- * Physical help at house, church, etc.
- * Running errands for others.
- * Take them out to eat, buy groceries.
- * Buy flowers, gift cards, gifts, etc.
- * Witness...share Jesus with them.
- * The list goes on.

Luke 6:38 – Give and it will be given!

Galatians 6:7 – Whatever you sow you will reap!

Learn to be sensitive to the spirit of God...where He tells you to give and what He tells you to give. Sometimes you want to give the 20 dollars, but God want you to give you time and effort!

Conclusion

BELOVED: God INDEED wants you to be blessed...drenched with His blessings! Simply because He is a good Father!

HOWEVER: You have not accomplished the BLESSING if you haven't learned to be a BLESSING!

Deuteronomy 30:19 – “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose** life, that both thou and thy seed may live:”
It is your CHOICE whether you enjoy the BLESSINGS of God or not!

A lot of the reason you are missing His BLESSINGS is because you have not learned to be a BLESSING...the BLESSINGS He has given you, STOP with you!

A lot of people try to figure out why they don't seemed to be very blessed, not like others:

- 1.) You are blessed, no matter what you think—so be thankful and quit complaining!
- 2.) Are you doing all of the BLESSING? Are you blessing others?
Maybe your blessing is stopping with you! Then you have chosen to not receive the BLESSING!

BELOVED: The fullness of the BLESSING isn't just us receiving from God...but us being distributors for Him.

Acts 20:35 – “I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to **remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.**”

Because it is the fulfillment of the BLESSING!