

The Power of the Blessing

Tither's Blessing

The Lord made a promise to Abraham in

Genesis 12

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

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"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

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I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

- God says to Abraham I will Bless You...
- I will Bless those who Bless you, and I will curse those who curse you...
- That means if a people or nation blesses Israel - God will bless that people or nation...
- If a people or nation curse Israel - God himself will curse them back...
- God has power to both, Bless and Curse...

Think of it like this:

If someone blesses what God Blesses, God will bless them...

If someone curses what God Blesses, God will curse them...

Do you remember the Fig Tree?

Mark 11

12 The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.

13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. **14** Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

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19 When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

20 In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. **21** Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"

- The Bible says Jesus was hungry and when Jesus went to it it did not offer him anything...
- Some might ask why Jesus was so harsh on the fig tree...
- I would say; Jesus came to the fig tree for a blessing and it gave him nothing.
- The Fig tree was a curse to what God was blessing...
- If the fig tree would have given Jesus good fruit, perhaps the story would have gone the other way and Jesus would have blessed it...

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Matthew 10:42

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

There are those who will be blessed by God because they bless what God blesses...

But there are also those who work against what does...

This is what Samuel the Prophet said to King Saul, after Saul disobeyed the Lord:

1 Samuel 15:23

For rebellion *is* as the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness *is* as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
He also has rejected you from *being* king.”

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There are some things that God sees as witchcraft...
A Rebellious Spirit is one of them...

The Bible helps us to understand the root of witchcraft and evil...
These are things God will curse...

Another example is found in 1 Kings by a woman named Jezebel...

1 Kings 19

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”
3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

3 Key Signs of Witchcraft

1. Manipulation
2. Intimidation
3. Domination

You don't have to be a witch to operate in a spirit of witchcraft...

1. Manipulation

- Manipulation is coercing someone to satisfy my own desire...
- It's root is selfishness and control...
- If someone is manipulating they are acting just like the serpent in the garden... twisting and bending to get their own way...

Another form of manipulation is seduction. This is when someone uses sexual persuasion to get their way or control.

Revelation 2:20

Nevertheless, I have this against you, says the Lord: You tolerate that woman **Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

My Friend when you see someone who manipulates others to get their way that is a form of Witchcraft and God is not pleased with it...

2. Intimidation

Intimidation is the other side of Manipulation

Intimidation is the use of fear and threatening to control...

It has to do with mental torment...

1 John 4:8

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

If manipulation doesn't accomplish certain selfish goals then the sheer force of intimidation is next...

This is a form of witchcraft and God is not pleased with it...

3. Domination

This is when a person with evil, selfish or sinister intentions uses power, influence or elitism for purpose of getting what they want...

- Jesus likens this to a strong man...

In **Mark 3** when Jesus was accused of being Beelzebub because he had authority to cast out demons, this is what he said:

23 “How can Satan cast out Satan? **24** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

27 No one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

The Biblical story of Jezebel gives us a picture of what witchcraft looks like

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2. Intimidation
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God dealt with Jezebel

2 Kings 9

30 Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Jezebel heard about it, she put on eye makeup, arranged her hair and looked out of a window. **31** As Jehu entered the gate, she asked, “Have you come in peace, you Zimri, you murderer of your master?”

32 He looked up at the window and called out, “Who is on my side? Who?” Two or three eunuchs looked down at him. **33** “Throw her down!” Jehu said. So they threw her down, and some of her blood splattered the wall and the horses as they trampled her underfoot.

34 Jehu went in and ate and drank. “Take care of that cursed woman,” he said, “and bury her, for she was a king’s daughter.” **35** But when they went out to bury her, they found nothing except her skull, her feet and her hands. **36** They went back and told Jehu, who said, “This is the word of the Lord that he spoke through his servant Elijah the Tishbite: On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs will devour Jezebel’s flesh. **37** Jezebel’s body will be like dung on the ground in the plot at Jezreel, so that no one will be able to say, ‘This is Jezebel.’”

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Jezebel was a curse to Israel...

Jezebel lead the nation away from God into Idolatry...

Jezebel was a curse to the people of God and the prophets of God...

So God brought a curse on her...

I believe that in this hour God is raise us some Jehu’s in this generation...

I believe their is a fresh unique anointing coming upon the church that is not afraid to stand up for God...

Their will be a special anointing to confront those spirits of Jezebel and those spirits of Witchcraft in our day...

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Closing Song