

What is Blessing?



God's blessing is when He multiplies what is good in your life so others can see the Kingdom of God at work.

Hebrew – "barak"

- Definition "a transmittal of God's favor."
- "You shall be blessed [barak] above all peoples; there will be no male or female barren among you or among your cattle." - Deuteronomy 7:14
- God's blessing brings <u>multiplication</u>.

Hebrew – "way-barek"

- Definition "a transmittal of God's favor."
- "For you had little before I came and it has increased to a multitude, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned." - Genesis 30:30
- God enables us to <u>thrive</u> and <u>succeed</u> in what He created us to do.

Hebrew – "berakhah"

- Prayer said aloud to acknowledge God as the source of all blessing.
- "Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them..."– Matthew 9:16
- All began with the word "Blessed".
- Most often "Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe..."

Hebrew – "berakhah"

- Jesus acknowledge God was the source, and as a result, God demonstrated the Kingdom of God by multiplying the food for all.
- <u>God multiplies the Kingdom in you</u> as you recognize Him as the source.
- "Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things <u>and we exist for Him</u>." – 1 Corinthians 8:6



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The Father's Blessing

- Jacob's deathbed blessing
- "All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one with the blessing appropriate to him." – Genesis 49:28

Genesis 49:22–26

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a spring; Its branches run over a wall...from the God of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you With blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills...

Genesis 49:22–26

...may they be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers."

Characteristics of the Father's Blessing

- The blessing shows an intimate relationship between the blesser and the blessed.
- The blessing was tied to their calling in life.
- The blessing included multiplication so others could be blessed.

Our Father's Blessing

- "And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise." – Galatians 3:29
- Say to them" ' "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." ' "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:23-27

