

# Act of obedience

## National blessings

Deuteronomy 28:1-14: This passage promises specific blessings for the nation of Israel if they "fully obey the LORD your God and carefully keep all his commands." These blessings include prosperity in their towns and fields, numerous children and livestock, success against their enemies, and being set "high above all the nations on earth".

## Individual blessings

Peter's boat (Luke 5): When Jesus asked Simon Peter to push his boat out into deeper water to preach from, Peter complied despite

a fruitless night of fishing. As a result, he experienced an "abundance of fish" and a life-changing blessing.

Abraham: Abraham's willingness to obey God, even when it was difficult, led to him being "greatly blessed". God promised that through his obedience and faith, his descendants would overcome enemies and "all the nations of the earth would be blessed".

### Futures blessings

Revelation 22:14: This verse states, "Blessed are those who obey His commands, so they may have the right to the tree of life". This points to a future heavenly blessing for those

who live a life of obedience

Prophetic Acts

Old Testament examples

The widow's oil

The act: In 2 Kings 4:1-7, a widow burdened by debt cries out to the prophet Elisha. He instructs her to gather as many empty jars as she can from her neighbors. She then is to pour oil from her single jar into all the empty ones.

The blessing: She and her sons obediently fill

every jar with oil, and the supply only stops when she runs out of containers. She sells the oil, pays her debts, and has enough money to live on.

## The Brazen Serpent

The act: After the Israelites complain against God in the wilderness, He sends poisonous snakes that bite and kill many people. When the people repent, God instructs Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. Anyone who is bitten can look at the serpent and be healed.

The blessing: The people are saved from

certain death. The act also foreshadows Jesus being lifted up on the cross for the salvation of all humanity (John 3:14-15).

### Elisha's purifies the water

The act: When the people of Jericho complain to Elisha that their water is "bad and the land is unproductive," he asks for a new bowl with salt in it. He then goes to the spring and throws the salt into the water.

The blessing: The water is healed and made pure, so it no longer causes death or makes the land barren. This blessing continues "to this day" (2 Kings 2:21-22).

## Joshua at Jericho

The act: In Joshua 6:1-20, God gives Joshua and the Israelites an unusual battle plan.

They are to march around the city of Jericho once a day for six days. On the seventh day, they are to march around seven times, blow the trumpets, and shout.

The blessing: Because of their faith and obedience, the walls of the city collapse, and the Israelites are able to conquer it as God promised.

## Jacob wrestles for his blessing

The act: In Genesis 32, Jacob wrestles all night with a mysterious man, who is later revealed to be God. Jacob refuses to let go until the man blesses him.

The blessing: Jacob receives a new name, "Israel," meaning "he struggles with God," and a powerful blessing. This act symbolizes transformation and the triumph of perseverance and faith.

### New Testament example

Jesus heals a blind man

The act: In John 9:1-7, Jesus encounters a man who was born blind. He makes mud with

his saliva, puts it on the man's eyes, and tells him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam.

The blessing: The man follows Jesus' instruction and is able to see for the first time in his life. The act demonstrates Jesus' authority and power to heal.

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We are entering a time of Refreshing that we are going to activate with the Word of God and then we are going to keep refreshing fresh with our thoughts and our words.

We maintain what opens as God opens the



windows and doors.

Acts 3:19-21 esv

19 Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Time = kairos

A measure of time. A due measure

A definite time

An opportunity

Refreshing = a recovery of breath

Times of Refreshing verse 20

Come from the presence of the Lord

Time of Restoring all things verse 21

Happens before Christ can come back

We repent

We have a face to face

Maintain the altar of his presence

Maintain the moments of refreshing that are  
sure to come

This is a definite time we are about to move  
into as a community as we. Collectively  
repent, individually repent and turn.

We need refreshment

We get tired of people

We get tired of meeting

We get tired of maintaining some of the  
things we do over and over again cycles get  
old and repeating systems and schedules  
without quick reward can get old

Tired of fighting

Tired of trying

Tired of living

Tired of praying

You need refreshment

You need the presence the face of Christ in your life.

You need revival

## PRAYER OF REPENTENCE

Loving Father, I confess my sins to You, including my selfishness, pride, and greed. I ask for Your mercy to forgive me and cleanse me with Your grace. I know I have sinned against You and I am deeply sorry AND SO I REPENT AND TURN TO YOU. Help me to have the strength to fight against evil thoughts and temptations. I desire to live a new life in You, and I ask that You guide my steps. In Jesus' name, Amen

# ACT OF WORSHIP

Romans 12:1

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" .

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT KEYS TO  
ACCESSING THE BLESSING OF THE  
LORD:

1. BE CONVINCED THAT GOD WANTS TO  
BLESS YOU

God is FOR you. (Rom. 8:31)

If you're against you then you're against God!

It's time to get on the winning team. Do you really want to be fighting against God?

Since God is FOR you, you should be also.

Many times, we hinder what we receive from God because we don't believe we're worthy. But praise God for the gospel of Jesus! God has qualified us through Jesus to receive all of God's blessing. (Col. 1:12)

Blessing is the will of God for your life.

## 2. KNOW WHAT THE BLESSING IS

...so you can expect it!

Let's revisit that Ancient Hebrew definition:

Anointed to win

Empowered to overcome

Impossible to curse

When the blessing of God gets on you, your life gets enriched.

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich,  
And He adds no sorrow with it.”

Proverbs 10:22

It's His favor, wisdom, protection, abundance,

ability, grace, joy, freedom, peace - all resting upon you and whatever you put your hand to.

Check out Numbers 6:22-27 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14 for more.

Just for clarity, it doesn't mean that life gets void of trials and nothing tough ever happens. There are definitely times of trial and challenges - but with the blessing of the Lord upon us, we have strength, endurance, and favor even in the tough times. (Just take a look at Joseph's life in Genesis...).

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### 3. POSITION YOURSELF TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING

THE BLESSING IS RELEASED THROUGH  
DECLARATION!

That's what the priests were appointed to do  
and it's the same today! (1 Peter 2:9 says we  
are the royal priesthood.)

Attend ministries that believe in the  
declaration of God's blessing upon you and  
receive from the spoken word.

It was the declaration of the priest that

released the breakthrough to Hannah's prayers (1 Sam. 1:17).

Did you know you can also declare it over yourself?

You have the ability to declare the truth and blessing of God over yourself.

THE BLESSING IS RELEASED THROUGH  
THE PRESENCE OF GOD

A man named Obed-Edom hosted the Presence of God at his house for three months and the Bible says the blessing of the Lord got on him and his entire household! (2 Sam. 6:11-12)

You position yourself to receive the blessing by being in the Presence of God.

Be intentional on personal times of worship.

Be intentional on attending ministries that prioritize the Presence of God.

Lean into times when the Spirit of God manifests Himself.

TRUST IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

We are blessed in Christ.

All the promises of God are apprehended by faith. It takes a simple childlike trust. God gives each one of us a measure of faith - let's

use it to believe the gospel and instead of the fear-driven reports.

What does that mean for us?

It doesn't matter who you are, where you've come from, or what you've done - if you're covered by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, the enemy has to pass on by!

Jesus has qualified you! You are forgiven and washed clean. You are covered.

Believing the gospel makes you a magnet for the blessing of God.

Let's turn the tide of this crazy time by not only receiving the blessing for ourselves, but declaring the blessing of the Lord over our nation, families, and those affected by sickness and disease.

Question: How have you experienced the blessing of the Lord?

Today

ACTS DAY

When we walk not after the flesh but after the

Spirit we are challenging our flesh and  
challenging our belief system.

When life hits us we must stay grounded and  
rooted while at the same time grounding  
those around us.

The two houses that have been built in  
Matthew one stood and one fell.

Matthew 7:24-27

English Standard Version

Build Your House on the Rock

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of  
mine and does them will be like a wise man  
who built his house on the rock. 25 And the  
rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds

blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.  
26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.  
27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

We can't forget that both houses experienced the rain and storm.

The builder had an ACT of faith to build on the rock instead of on the sand.

Gods Word never promised us we wouldn't go through things but the Word does promise

us that we will come out on the other side unscathed if we take ACTION and build correctly.

In Psalm 91 if the right things are done first the right result will take place when life hits.

Psalm 91:7-16

English Standard Version

7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your  
dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge[a]—



10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

Making the Lord your dwelling place is the  
Action that must take place first or before  
anything starts happening.

You can't fix the build in the middle of the  
storm. You must wait it out and then make  
the necessary changes in your life or do an  
ACT of Faith or Prophetic Act to get Gods  
attention.

If that means when you need safety you run  
to a safe place a refuge from the storm  
because you built but it's not supporting you  
in the storm then do it. Run to the Shelter the  
Refuge the Shadow of his wing. Get where

you need to be and fight another day.

What we are seeing in the land, the world, our country and in our cities is just a precursor used to test our systems of faith that we have put in place.

This isn't about people talking about you and you need a faith system to counter act.

This isn't about you don't have enough food or drink or clothing as this is a basic foundational act that must be taken so you can begin maturing in Christ which is the ACT of seeking the Kingdom first, then all your basic needs are handled.

This is about the possibility of losing a house

in a terrible storm but you won't because you built in the right place on the right foundation. This is about watching others fall by the thousands but death not touching you.

Many of you have heard the term save money for a rainy day. Many of us live feast or famine. We use stories like Sanial and saving geain for seven years during seven years of increase so they'd have enough during the seven years of famine, using thought processes like this to save money and be prepared for times we don't know are coming but we are ready if they come.

When it comes to finances, money, the mighty dollar we see more scriptures about

giving to bring increase than saving to increase. Not ten percent but give based on what you want to see come back to you.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Luke 6:38

English Standard Version

38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

How you measure is how your return will be

measured. Whatever rule or standard you use to measure is what will be used on the return.

## Actions cause ReActions

What are the Repeated Actions that you are seeing in your life? You can change the result the reaction by starting a new or different action to specifically counter the Re Action

If your life is always falling apart with every trial or every storm do an ACT of Faith or a prophetic ACT or an Act of Obedience. Build your life on a foundation of Christ and not people. The sand represents people like when God told Abraham your lineage would be blessed would be many like the sands

you'd have so many. Sand can represent people and a house built on people has no stability so change the outcome by starting over and changing what you do at first.

The first is last the last is first

What you do First will show up Last

What you do last will show up first

Start looking at your life from a cause and effect which is first and last aspect and take note of what shows up at the end of a matter because it is based on what you did first and has come full circle.

When you do take notice of the positioning of the effects and rewards or lack thereof of rewards or small rewards then go back to the

top and do the right action to get a better reaction.

Don't ignore what shows up in your life as last. Whatever is last is there because of what you did or didn't do at first.

Reward and blessing shows up - last shows up first

Because what you did (an ACT) was First be obedient to God

Things aren't happening in our lives by happenstance or chance or coincidence  
Outcomes become first hand because of what we did Last.

Change the First and you'll change the Last

# Change the Last by Changing your First

You are rewarded at the last for what you did at the first.

You must be prepared

Your preparation determines the reaction the counter action, the outcome.

We don't step by faith we walk by faith

One step is one step but we need every step which is a repeated ACT of stepping to be consistent so walking in faith is happening.

When the rains began to pour we needed the ark already built not lets build an ark because the storm is here.



We must have the Act of Obedience taking place more than 100-120 days before the rains.

The immature who feed on milk are ReActionary to people, environments and conditions (financial, emotional or spiritual)

We walk by faith and eat meat of the word. We are mature. We are governing our firsts by the word of God so our lasts will show up in our favor. We see the blessing of the Lords that makes rich and adds no sorrow by deciding to walk by faith.

Today we challenge the Last by doing an Act first.

Give as an Act of obedience

Worship or Prayer as an action of receiving  
His presence

Repent so you can be refreshed in his  
presence

Prophetic Acts that He is commanding you  
do in order to see the waters part or the  
thirsty satisfied

You can NOT do anything and your first will  
show up last telling on you when the real  
storm comes.

Mature up and start preparing by being Holy  
Spirit hearing and faith living.

Get rid of every faulty system you are  
hanging on to when it's created bad results  
which now keep showing up.

Pronounce certain things dead and also be dead to certain things and start over with the simplicity of my Word my Voice, my Will. You can have whatever you ask by pleasing me says the Lord.

## Action

for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction" is Newton's Third Law of Motion. It means that forces always occur in pairs: if object A exerts a force on object B, object B exerts an equal and opposite force on object A. These action-reaction force pairs are equal in magnitude but opposite in direction and always act on different objects.