

Understanding the Blessing

Numbers 6:23-27 (NASB95) *“Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall 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 lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.’”* **“So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.”**

We are the ones who speak forth the blessing!!!

I. His Name Sake

Psalm 106:7 (NASB95) *Our fathers in Egypt **did not understand Your wonders**; They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, That He might make His power known.*

1 Samuel 12:22 (NASB95) *“For the LORD will not abandon His people **on account of His great name**, because the LORD has been **pleased** to make you a people for Himself.*

Titus 3:4 (NASB95) *But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, **not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out **upon us richly** through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

II. Accepting His Name

Numbers 6:27 (NASB95) *“So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.”*

Invoke: 7760 שוּמָה, שִׂים [suwm, siym /soom/] 1 to put, place, set, appoint, make.

Acts 11:26 (NKJV) *And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.*

Exodus 20:7 (NKJV) *“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.*

Vain: 7723 שוּא [shav', shav/shawv/] 1 emptiness, vanity, falsehood; nothingness, vanity; emptiness of speech, lying; worthlessness (of conduct).

John 14:13-15 (NASB95) *“Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

1 John 5:3 (NASB95) *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*

2 John 6 (NASB95) *And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.*

Obedience is the sing of Acceptance!

John 16:23-24 (NASB95) *“In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, **if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.** “Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.*

Asking in the Name of Jesus is not just tagging the end of your pray with the fraise “In the Name of Jesus.”

John 16:25-27 (NASB95) *“These things I have spoken to you in figurative language: an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language but will tell you plainly of the Father. “In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf, for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me **and have believed that I came forth from the Father.***

The reason we are not see things come to pass in our live is because we are just throwing up VAIN, EMPTY words with absolutely no power!

Obedience is the acid-test of BELIEF!

Isaiah 3:8 (NASB95) *For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen, Because their speech and their actions are against the LORD, To rebel against His glorious presence.*

Deuteronomy 28:15 (NASB95) *“But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*

Ephesians 5:5-6 (NASB95) *For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

III. Obedience activates the blessing.

***Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NASB95)** "Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. "All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:

Matthew 5:3 (NASB95) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (those who recognize they need God!

Matthew 5:6 (NASB95) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Righteousness: 1343 δικαιοσύνη [dikaiosune /dik-ah-yos-oo-nay/] 1 in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God. 1A the doctrine concerning the way in which man may attain a state approved of God. 1B integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting.

Matthew 5:8 (NASB95) "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

1 John 2:1 (NLT) My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

Repentance or asking for forgiveness is the sign of PURE heart. God is not looking for perfection, just persistence!

1 John 1:9 (NKJV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 4:8 (NKJV) Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."

Romans 2:4 (NASB95) Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

****Psalm 136:1 (NASB95)** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Mercy: 2617 ἔλεος, ἔλεος [cheched /kheh-sed/] 1 goodness, kindness, faithfulness.

James 1:12 (NASB95) Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Revelation 1:3 (NASB95) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Deuteronomy 28:2 (NASB95) "All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God: