

The Blessings of God

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God blesses us or His blessing rests upon us and we can bless others (we pronounce blessings upon)

I. The Blessing!

Genesis 1:22 (NKJV) *And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."*

Genesis 5:2 (NKJV) *He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.*

Genesis 9:1 (NKJV) *So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.*

Abraham: Genesis 12:2 (NKJV) *I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in (through) you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Jacob: Genesis 27:28-29 (NKJV) *Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, And let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be those who bless you!"*

Genesis 27:34 (NKJV) *When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me—me also, O my father!"*

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II. For His Name Sake!

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1 Samuel 12:22 (NKJV) *For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people.*

Psalms 23:3 (NKJV) *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

So many people before and after salvations still believe they must earn the blessings of God!

2 Samuel 7:18 (NASB95) *Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"*

We must understand God wants to bless you more than you want to be blessed!

Ezekiel 20:44 (NASB95) *"Then you will know that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel," declares the Lord God."*

Titus 3:4-6 (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,*

2 Samuel 7:21 (NASB95) *"For the sake of Your word, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness to let Your servant know.*

David finished...

2 Samuel 7:20-21 (NKJV) *Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant. For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them.*

III. God and His Word are one!

2 Samuel 7:28-29 (NASB95) *"Now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have **promised** this good thing to Your servant. "Now therefore, may it please You to **bless the house of Your servant**, that it may continue forever before You. For You, O Lord God, **have spoken**; and with Your **blessing** may the house of Your servant be **blessed** forever."*

The Blessing of God and the Promises of God are one and the same! If He promises it will happen! If He blesses it will happen! He will not go against His Word!

Matthew 24:35 (NKJV) *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.*

Jeremiah 1:12 (NASB95) *Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it."*

Psalms 147:12-15 (NKJV) *Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your children within you. He makes peace in your borders and fills you with the finest wheat. He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.*

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

Balaam & Balak: Balak wanted Balaam to curse the children of Israel!

Numbers 23:19-20 (NKJV) *"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Behold, I have received a command to bless; **He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.**"*

Isaiah 54:17 (NKJV) *No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.*

IV. How are we blessed?

2 Corinthians 1:19-20 (NLT) *For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between "Yes" and "No." He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God's ultimate "Yes," **He always does what he says. For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!"** And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for His glory.*

You can do nothing to deserve His blessings and promises, they are all fulfilled in Christ!

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Isaiah 66:2 (NLT) *My hands have made both heaven and earth; they and everything in them are Mine. I, the LORD, have spoken! "I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at My word.*

Matthew 6:33 (AMP) *But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.*