

# Forfeiting Your Blessing

**Numbers 6:24-27 (NKJV)** *"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."* ' "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

## I. What does it mean to Bless?

**Numbers 6:22-23 (NKJV)** *And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:*

**Bless:** The Hebrew root, בֵּרַךְ (brk), "bless," is widely understood as referring to "**health-creating power**"; someone who is בְּרוּךְ (berukh), "blessed," is gifted with such power, while to bless someone is either to bestow such power on them (**often by means of a verbal statement**) or to declare that they have such power

**Greek** εὐλογέω (*eulogeō*), "to speak well," was used in the Septuagint and other ancient Jewish writings to translate Hebrew *brk*, and took on the meaning of "to bless" from the Hebrew word (*TDNT* s.v. "εὐλογέω, *eulogeō*," 754).

**Webster Merriam: Blessing:** a prayer calling for divine care, protection, or favor.

**Blessing:** the act or words of a person who blesses, a special favor, mercy, or benefit, a favor or gift bestowed by God.

**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."*

## II. Our words have creative power

**Genesis 1:3 (NLT)** *Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

**Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV)** *who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and **upholding all things by the word of His power**, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

"Word" is thought of as active and powerful--the same word that created the universe; "powerful" is often used to describe literal physical power.

**Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)** *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the **word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

**Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)** *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, **according to Our likeness**; let them have dominion...*

**Matthew 17:20 (NKJV)** *So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you **will say to this mountain**, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

## III. Can our own words affect us personally?

**Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV)** *But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."*

**Justified:** 1344 δικαιόω [*dikaioo* /dik-ah-yo-o/] 1 to render righteous or such he ought to be. 2 to show, exhibit, evince, one to be righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be considered. 3 to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be.

**Condemned:** 2613 δικάζω, καταδικάζω [*katadikazo* /kat-ad-ik-ad-zo/] 1 to give judgment against (one), to pronounce guilty.

**Romans 10:8-10 (NKJV)** *But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if **you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**. For with the heart one **believes unto righteousness**, and with the **mouth confession is made unto salvation**.*

**Salvation:** 4991 σωτηρία [*soteria* /so-tay-ree-ah/] 1 deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation. 1a deliverance from the molestation of enemies; in an ethical sense, that which concludes to the souls safety or salvation; of Messianic salvation; the sum of **benefits and blessings**...

**Saved:** 4982 ἐκσώζω, σώζω [*sozo* /sode-zo/] to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction; one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health, to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue.

**What you say and how you speak works both ways! For your good or for your destruction!**

**Proverbs 18:20 (AMP)** *...**Death and life are in the power of the tongue**, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].*

#### IV. What comes out of your mouth will determine what comes into your life.

##### 1.) Are you cursing yourself?

**James 3:2 (NASB95)** *For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.*

**James 3:6 (NASB95)** *And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.*

**Defiles:** 5071 σπιλώω (*spiloō*): vb.; ≡ Str 4695—LN 79.58 spot; (pass.) be stained, be defiled, be corrupted.

**Course:** 5580 τροχός (*trochos*), οὔ (*ou*), ὁ (*ho*): n.masc.; **1. course**, pattern of events...

**Jude 9 (NKJV)** *Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.*

*They speak of what they really do not know or what they only see in the natural and by doing so they corrupts themselves.*

**Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)** *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth...*

**Ephesians 4:31 (NKJV)** *Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*

**Bitterness:** 4088 πικρία [*pikria* /pik-ree-ah/] **1** bitter gall, extreme wickedness.

**Bitter gall:** brazen boldness coupled with impudent assurance and insolence.

**Clamor:** 3199 κραυγή (*kraugē*), ἤς (*ēs*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; **shout**; verbal brawl.

**Malice:** 2549 κακία [*kakia* /kak-ee-ah/] **1** malignity, malice, ill-will, desire to injure.

**Proverbs 24:17-18 (NASB95)** *Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Or the LORD will see it and be displeased, And turn His anger away from him.*

**Psalms 1:1 (NKJV)** *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;*

**Scornful:** 3887 מְלִיץ [*luwts* /loots/] to scorn, make mouths at, talk arrogantly.

##### 2.) Are you speak blessing?

**James 3:9-10 (NKJV)** *With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. **My brethren, these things ought not to be so.***

**Curse:** 2932 κατάρα (*katara*): curse, invoke a power to harm another.

**Isaiah 59:16 (NASB95)** *And He saw that there was no man, And was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, And His righteousness upheld Him.*

**Luke 6:27-28 (NASB95)** *"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.***

**Romans 14:3-4 (NKJV)** *Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. **Who are you to judge another's servant?** To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.*

**Acts 7:60 (NKJV)** *Then he (Stephen) knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

**Colossians 4:6 (NASB95)** *Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.*

**Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)** *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

**Romans 12:14 (NKJV)** *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.*