## I. The Expectation Of Your Allegiance (1-2)

"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

- Sporadic obedience this is when we view obedience as an option
- Conditional obedience this is when we obey as long as we clearly see a positive outcome for ourselves
- Paranoid obedience this is obedience motivated by dread of what God might do if we do not obey
- Faithful obedience this is obedience rooted in trust of God's nature, motivated by a desire to please Him

## II. A Transformation Of Your Atmosphere (3-6)

"<u>Blessed shall you be</u> in the city, and <u>blessed shall you be</u> in the field. 4 <u>Blessed shall be</u> the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. 5 <u>Blessed shall be</u> your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out."

Faithful obedience to God in all things positions us to live in the place where He pours out His blessing and favor.

His outpouring of blessing results in a distinct change in our life's atmosphere.

## III. The Anticipation From Your Alignment (7-12)

- A. Protection from the Lord (7) "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."
- B. Power from the Lord (9-10) "The LORD will establish you as a people holy to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. 10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you."
- C. Prosperity from the Lord (8,11-12) "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And He will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you... And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

  12 The LORD will open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow."
- D. Promotion from the Lord (13-14) "And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them, 14 and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them."