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SECTION 9 – God’s Anointing & the Covenant Blessing

Lesson 35 - The Commanded Blessing

Psalms 133:3 *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is*

For brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,

Running down on the beard,

The beard of Aaron,

Running down on the edge of his garments.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon,

Descending upon the mountains of Zion;

For there the LORD commanded the blessing—

Life forevermore.

The place where the real power and blessing will take place is when the body of Christ in is unity. The purpose of God is to unify all things. That is the mystery of the Gospel (Ephesians 1:10). The prayer of Jesus was to unify all things and head them up in Himself, and is yet to be fulfilled and will be fulfilled before the return of Christ.

John 17:21-23 *that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

In order for the world to believe that the Father sent Jesus based on our unity, this unity has to happen while we’re still in the world. Something incredible is going to have to happen to us if we’re going to rise up to the level that we become one even as He is one with the Father that the world may believe.

What’s the only thing that can produce true unity?

[Only the anointing can produce true unity; without that we will never be one.](#)

That’s why we spent the last two lessons dealing with the anointing and instead of the anointing. You can have all the crowds you want, but without the anointing, without the glory, without the manifestation of all that God is and all that God has, we will not be in unity. Man’s methods cannot be one ounce of any part of producing it. Until we’re one we’ll never fulfill the divine plan of God, and until we’re one we will never truly experience the full dimension of the

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commanded blessing of God. That unity will never happen on the level that we're at right now. That unity will happen only as we rise up to a new level.

A minister friend of mine was flying over Ireland getting ready to land. They have a lot of very small farms cornered off with fences. Seeing this, he made a comment to a man that was sitting next to him in the plane thinking Ireland a much divided country. The man was a local man from Ireland. He disagreed with my friend and told him he needed to come back during harvest time when all the crops are grown. At that time the crops grow up high above the fences so that all you see is what looks like one massive field. You don't see the fences anymore. The Lord spoke to my friend and told him, "That's how My body's going to become unified. It's not that they won't have their distinctions. It's not that they won't have their little segments. But they're going to grown up in the Spirit. They're going to grow up into maturity to a place where you no longer see the walls, you no longer see the differences, because they're living at such a higher plane."

A lot of people are preaching the blessing of God shall come on you, and its actually true, but it won't happen without unity. That's why God says it is good and pleasant when the brethren dwell together in unity for there the Lord commands the blessing.

Ephesians 4:11-13 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*

The job of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teacher is to perfect and equip the saints that they, the saints, do the work of ministry till we all grow up into the unity of the faith. That is when God will command the blessing. God is adamant on restoring to man the commanded blessing and has been working at it since the fall of man.

The blessing is not things. People mistake things for the blessing. They aren't the blessing but may be manifestations of the blessing.

*The true blessing of God is the power to prosper in all things;
that whatsoever you set your hand to will be blessed.*

God wants His power to be on us in such a way that it will cause us to prosper. But one of the greatest enemies to people receiving from God and the things of God is what I call the poverty mentality, or the poverty mindset. You can have money and have a poverty mentality. It has nothing to do with money or your position in life. A poverty spirit, a poverty mentality hinders many people from receiving what they need.

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In order to get the blessing we're going to have to rise up to a new level in the spirit, so we can walk in a new level of unity. It's in the place where the brethren dwell together in unity that the Lord commands the blessing. To get there we need the apostles, evangelists, pastors and teachers to perfect and equip the saints to do the work of ministry towards building up Christ's body, the Church, till we all reach the unity and the faith and the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God, until we come into the measure of the stature of His own perfection; as it says words it in the Amplified.

In order to get to this place of unity where the Lord commands the blessing, we're going to have to receive something first that will cause us to rise up. We're going to have to receive breakthroughs and experiences. We're going to have to receive something from God that will cause us to mature to the place where God can put back on us the full dimension of the commanded blessing that He desires.

One of the greatest enemies to people growing in God and rising up to a new spiritual plane and experience is this thing I call a poverty mentality. It is driven by a poverty spirit.

The poverty spirit is this: it is the willingness to accept something less than God's absolute best.

Do not think so small and so carnal as to apply this just to you getting things. Thinking of only things is the sign of immaturity, which is still part of the poverty mentality because they're still accepting something less than God's best. All they're after is the things, which God says is the least. They're not going after the best things. Paul said covet the greater gifts; covet these things, desire these things. (1 Corinthians 12:31)

The poverty spirit will cause you to accept something less than God's best, even if only in a few areas. You may be claiming this or that, but you're willing to accept something less than God's best in the areas of personal holiness. You're willing to accept less than God's best in areas of dying upon the cross. You're willing to accept something less than God's best in the realm of deep conviction and those intimate Words of God that transform and change our character and life. You're willing to accept something less than God's best.

It is a poverty spirit when you don't pray, you don't fast, you don't press in, you don't go after God. You settle for stuff thinking you have the blessing, but you're not pressing into His throne. You're not pressing into intimacy with Him. You're not pressing into Him like David did when he said, "Search me o God and know me, try me and know my anxious thought. See if there be any wicked way in me." (Psalm 139:23) It's a poverty mentality because you're willing to accept something less than God's best.

Many mistakenly believe that when God begins to move, if He wants them to receive something from Him He'll give it to them right where they are. When you go into a service you need to go

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and say, “God I want the best of what you’ve got. I want the best of the revelation. I want the best of Your touch,” and not just sit there waiting for it to happen. The Bible says that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). Actively, aggressively go after God. It’s a poverty spirit that causes people to sit down in church.

I’m not talking just about things. If that’s where your mind’s running to, you are full of the lusts of the world, you are bound into things. Jesus said to seek first the kingdom of heaven and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:33). When you rise up and get the real favor of God you won’t even have to seek the things. The things will come after you. You won’t even be looking for the things. You’re going to be looking for His kingdom. You’re going to be going after Him.

You have to break that poverty mentality. You have to deal with it. You have to recognize it is a demon spirit. It’s a demon spirit that gets you to sit down and shut up; that tries to keep your mouth shut. It keeps you from pressing in, from praying.

Many churches are willing to be satisfied with something less than God’s absolute best. Many pastors are not willing to press in through prayer for the breakthrough. They are satisfied having a good enough message for this week and don’t think they need revelation. They are willing to accept something less than God’s best instead of tapping into heaven for a fresh Word and a fresh revelation from God. They’re willing to accept something less than God’s absolute best.

God wants us to experience and live our lives under the covenant blessing, which is to experience the blessing of God; the best of what he Has in all the areas of our lives. Only as we start breaking through and start pulling on the best will we begin to grow up in maturity and then truly arrive at the place of the true commanded blessing.

Genesis 1:27-28 *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.*

What is the very first thing God did when He created man?

God blessed them.

We will never fulfill our God destiny without the commanded blessing. Remember what the blessing is: It is the power of God to prosper in all things.

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He created Adam and Eve and the first thing He did was bless them; to release upon them the power to prosper. He created man in His own image. He created man for a divine purpose and the first thing He had to give man after He created him was His blessing.

We use that word so lightly, but there is a power in the blessing. He blessed them. The same God who said, “Let there be light,” and there was light opened His mouth and blessed them. What He speaks comes to pass. He is the same God just a few verses earlier that spoke creation into existence. He turned, and He blessed man and woman saying, “Be fruitful, multiply fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion.” When God opened His mouth all the power of heaven was backing it up. He released upon Adam and Eve the power of the blessing of heaven, the power to prosper in all things; the power to be fruitful, the power to multiply the power to fill the earth, the power to subdue it, the power to have dominion over it.

When man sinned against God they lost the power of the blessing. God started a plan to restore back to man this one most vital element; the power of the commanded blessing. The thing that man lost in the Garden of Eden He began a process to restore it.

Genesis 12:1-3 *Now the LORD had said to Abram:*

*“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.*

2 I will make you a great nation;

*I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.*

3 I will bless those who bless you,

*And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

What process did God begin through Abraham?

[God began a process through Abraham of restoring that blessing to mankind.](#)

God gave Adam and Eve the blessing and when they sinned against Him they lost it. They lost the power to prosper in all things. God gave Abraham His blessing and made him a blessing that through him all the families of the earth shall ultimately be blessed. Through Abraham’s lineage He brought His son Jesus to restore the blessing back to mankind, so that His people can fulfill their eternal destiny.

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We cannot fulfill our destiny without the power of the commanded blessing. God is going to restore the fullness of His blessing back to the Church. Don't think that just because you confess Jesus that you are going to walk in that right away. Don't think that just because you start naming and claiming, and blabbing, and grabbing you're going to be able to walk in the fullness of this thing right away. There are conditions to operating in the commanded blessing: a broken heart, a surrendered heart, a holy heart, that we walk in unity in the spirit, that we rise up to a new spiritual plane. That is the place where the Lord will command the blessing.

I tell you in the name of Jesus before the return of Jesus Christ God is going to have Himself a people. He's going to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ. He is going to rest on His people the commanded blessing. Those are the people that whatever they speak is going to come to pass. They will open their mouth and whatever they say will happen. They will have the power of the commanded blessing; the power to prosper in whatever they do. God is going to show Himself strong through His people before Jesus comes back.

For Further Study:

Proverbs 10:22 *The blessing of the LORD makes one rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.*

Galatians 3:13-14 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*