



THE BLESSING: UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL FOR PROSPERITY

Session Three: Renewing Our Mind in the Blessing

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I. Review

A. 3 John 2

- **KJV** “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”
- **AMP** “Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed *and* prosper and be in good health [physically], just as [I know] your soul prospers [spiritually].”

B. Prosperity is the blessing of God at work in the life of the believer.

C. Last Session: What does the blessing look like? > *Increase / multiplication / abundance / supernatural harvest / accelerated harvest*

II. Renewing Our Mind in the Blessing

A. Romans 12:1-2 NKJV “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

1. Mind renewal is essential to walking in the blessing.

2. “Mind renewal”:

- a. Changing your way of thinking
- b. Transformed by the renovation of your mind (Aramaic Translation)
- c. Let God change the way you think (CEV)

3. Although we are born-again, our minds need to be changed.

Our minds must be brought into alignment with God's way of thinking.

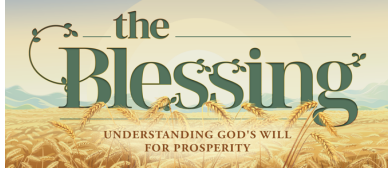
4. Wrong thinking will cost you.

- a. Wrong thinking is any line of thought that doesn't align with God's Word.
- b. The truth makes us free. (**John 8:32**)

5. Wrong thinking about “The Blessing” will keep you from being blessed.

The solution to this is to renew our mind to God's way of thinking regarding the blessing.

6. How you think about God's blessing on your life will determine if you live in it or not.



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B. Common misconceptions about the blessing:

1. The blessing is only available to those who are called to a higher spiritual level. Others will qualify to be blessed, but not me.

- The covenant makes the blessing available to ALL.

2. The blessing may include sickness, disease, poverty, weakness, etc.

- When a person embraces the curse as a blessing, deception has entered the arena to keep them in the curse and out of the blessing.

3. The blessing is something we “earn” by good works.

- It is necessary to remember we are positioned in the blessing by the obedience of Christ. The blessing is an expression of His grace at work in our life.
- **PASTOR'S NOTE:** While we do not earn the blessing by good works, working from our righteousness obtained in Christ does position us for His blessing.

C. How do we renew our mind to the blessing? *Understanding the blessing. Understanding the Curse.*

1. **Contrast the blessing and the curse.** *Since there seems to be confusion regarding what is a blessing and what is a curse, we need to contrast these:*

- a. **Contrast** = The state of being strikingly different from something else.
- b. The blessing is *strikingly different* from the curse.
- c. **The blessing in Deuteronomy 28:**

- **Deuteronomy 28:1-13 NLT** “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God:

Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed.

The Lord will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven!

The Lord will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

If you obey the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways, the Lord will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do. Then all



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the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the Lord, and they will stand in awe of you.

The Lord will give you prosperity in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, blessing you with many children, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. The Lord will send rain at the proper time from his rich treasury in the heavens and will bless all the work you do. You will lend to many nations, but you will never need to borrow from them.

If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom.”

d. Summarization of the curse:

- **Deuteronomy 28:15 NLT** “But if you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you.”
- **Deuteronomy 28:16-26 NLT** “Your towns and your fields will be cursed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be cursed. Your children and your crops will be cursed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be cursed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be cursed. The Lord himself will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in everything you do, until at last you are completely destroyed for doing evil and abandoning me.

The Lord will afflict you with diseases until none of you are left in the land you are about to enter and occupy. The Lord will strike you with wasting diseases, fever, and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, and with blight and mildew. These disasters will pursue you until you die.

The skies above will be as unyielding as bronze, and the earth beneath will be as hard as iron. The Lord will change the rain that falls on your land into powder, and dust will pour down from the sky until you are destroyed.

The Lord will cause you to be defeated by your enemies. You will attack your enemies from one direction, but you will scatter from them in seven! You will be an object of horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. Your corpses will be food for all the scavenging birds and wild animals, and no one will be there to chase them away.”

- **V. 22:** Consumption with fever and inflammation
- **V. 23:** The heavens over your head will be bronze and the earth shall be as iron
- **V. 24:** Lack of rain
- **V. 25:** Defeat by your enemies



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- **V. 27:** Boils, tumors, and the itch from which you cannot be healed
 - **V. 28:** Mental distress, blindness, and confusion
 - **V. 29:** Walking in confusion / mental darkness / being plundered continually
 - **V. 30:** Unfaithfulness by your spouse
 - **V. 30:** You will not enjoy your harvest
 - **V. 31:** Flocks, herds, and oxen taken
 - **V. 32 and 41:** Sons and daughters taken into captivity
 - **V. 35:** Knee and leg issues; severe boils that will not heal
 - **V. 36:** Being ruled over by evil leadership
 - **V. 37:** Crop failure and locusts
 - **V. 51:** The enemy shall take your increase
 - **V. 66:** Overcome by fear and worry
- **Deuteronomy 28:58-61 NLT** “If you refuse to obey all the words of instruction that are written in this book, and if you do not fear the glorious and awesome name of the Lord your God, then the Lord will overwhelm you and your children with indescribable plagues. These plagues will be intense and without relief, making you miserable and unbearably sick. He will afflict you with all the diseases of Egypt that you feared so much, and you will have no relief. The Lord will afflict you with every sickness and plague there is, even those not mentioned in this Book of Instruction, until you are destroyed.”
 - e. **PASTOR’S NOTE:** *From the language of scripture, it is easy to conclude that the Lord is at work sending on these curses upon Israel. However, we must understand, the curse is never His desire or His will. By sinning against God, they were opening the door to this curse although His will was for them to be blessed. For better understanding we might say “God allowed” rather than “God sent”.*
2. **By meditating on the Word of God regarding the blessing, we gain understanding of what the blessing should look like for us.**
 3. **By reading the Word of God regarding the curses, we gain understanding of what should not have access to our life.**
 - a. **Gal 3:13-14**
 - **NKJV** “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’), in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”
 - **AMP (Partial)** “Christ purchased our freedom *and* redeemed us from the curse of the Law *and* its condemnation by becoming a curse for us”



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- **CEV (Partial)** “But Christ rescued us from the Law's curse, when He became a curse in our place.”
- **GWT (Partial)** “Christ paid the price to free us from the curse that God's laws bring by becoming cursed instead of us.”

4. Focus your attention and conversation on “the blessing”, not the curse.

- a. Some people's mind is filled with thoughts of sickness, failure, defeat, weakness, death, etc.
- b. Some people's conversation is “curse filled”
- c. **PASTOR'S NOTE:** *Remove the curse from your thoughts and words. Activate the blessing in your thoughts and words, and you will change your life!*
- d. Rahab changed her life by giving attention to Israel's blessing.
 - **Joshua 2:8-15 NKJV** “Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, and said to the men: ‘I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. And as soon as we heard *these things*, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth beneath. Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.’ So the men answered her, ‘Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.’”
 - **Hebrews 11:31 NKJV** “By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.”
 - **PASTOR'S NOTE:** *If Rahab could change her life and become BLESSED by meditating on the old covenant blessing of Israel that she had no rights to, how much more can we be blessed by renewing our mind to the new covenant blessing that we have been given full rights to in Christ?*