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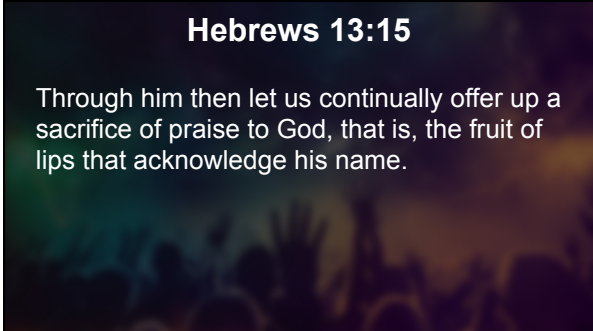
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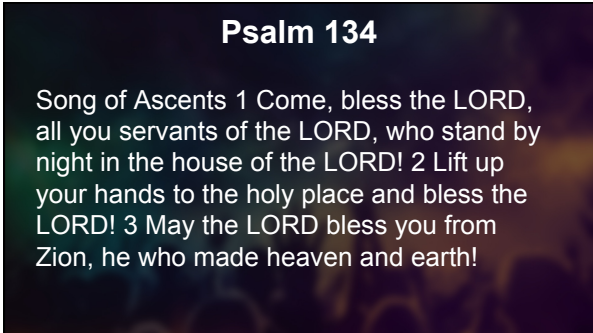
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## Barak

bârak, baw-rak'; a primitive root; to kneel; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration)

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## Shout Unto God: Barak

Barak releases a cycle of blessing into the earth

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**Genesis 12**

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan

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**Observations**

- 1. God reminds of the opportunity for blessing
- 2. God clearly outlines the required sacrifice: country, kindred, your father's house
- 3. New levels of blessing require new sacrifice
- 4. God visits Abram to encourage his journey
- 5. You do this...I will do that

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### Abraham's Unique Promises

- Land of Israel forever
- Countless children
- Global influence
- Continual protection from enemies

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### Abram Promise

- "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
1. His seed plural
  2. His seed singular - Jesus Christ
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### Cycle of Blessing



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### God Blessing (Barak)

Adam	Gen 1:28 And God blessed them. "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion"
Noah	Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth..."

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### Cycle of Blessing (Barak)

Abram to All	Gen 12:2 ...I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
Isaac to Jacob	Gen 27:27And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him...Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you

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### Cycle of Blessing (Barak)

Jacob to Sons	Gen 48-49
Priest to Israel	Num 6:23 ...“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel...”

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2. Shine God's glory to make His name great

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**Numbers 6:23-26**

“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall **ble**ss the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The LORD **ble**ss you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

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**Numbers 6:27**

So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will **ble**ss them.”

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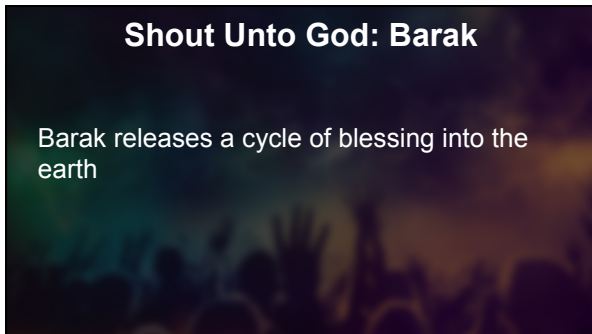
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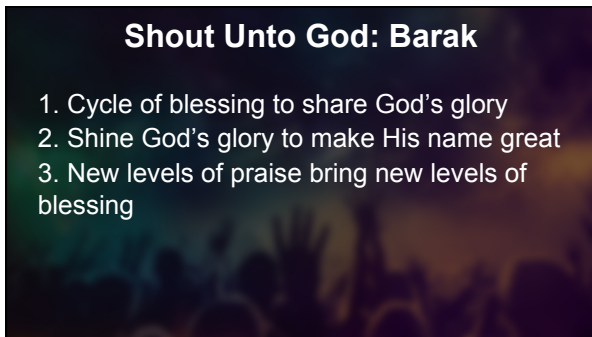
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**Connection of Praise and Blessing**

The Talmud (Sotah 39a) says that before the kohanim bless the congregation they must make a blessing in which praise is given to the LORD for the honor of blessing the people. The blessing is called "I'varekh et amo Yisrael b'ahava" ("to bless His nation Israel with love")

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**Proverbs 11:25 MSG**

25 The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.

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